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GAP IN RING OF SANCTIONS NARROWED

ASSURANCES BY GERMANY

SANCTIONS EFFECTIVE FROM NOVEMBER 18

Geneva, To-day.

The gap in the ring of sanctions was appreciably narrowed by the assurances a German spokesman gave to the Secretariat yesterday afternoon. Without participating in the League measures Germany proposes to prevent dealings above normal trading operations in commodities affected by the sanctions, including arms and munitions.

The decision is given the greatest significance in League circles and is believed to denote a closer rapprochement with France and Britain and also a better spirit towards the League.

Geneva: The Committee of Eighteen has formally endorsed the sanctions, which are therefore effective from Monday, November 18.

FURTHER TALKS NECESSARY
London: The Cabinet closely considered Sir Eric Drummond's report on Tuesday's conversation with Signor Mussolini and decided that further discussions are necessary before concrete steps can be taken to end the Anglo-Italian tension.—Reuter.

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APPEAL TO U.S. BY NEGUS

SUPPORT FOR LEAGUE URGED

New York, To-day.

An appeal to the United States to assist the League by joining in the sanctions was made by the Emperor Haile Selassie in a broadcast to America from Addis Ababa yesterday.

The Emperor said: "I ask nobody to take the sword against Italy. The methods of the sword and force are the methods of ancient ignorance. You in America are not members of the League, but the time has come and the opportunity is here for the masses in America to help the League's efforts at conciliation, because there is no countervailing that ours is the cause of humanity."—Reuter.

AMERICA'S RIGID NEUTRALITY

President To Ask For Fuller Powers?

Washington: American policy is using the appropriate influence to call a halt to foreign wars while still keeping out of them, enunciated Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, in a broadcast to the whole nation, explaining the United States' policy of neutrality in the Ethiopian conflict. At the same time Mr. Cordell Hull pleaded for wider discretionary powers for President Roosevelt in directing the foreign affairs of the United States in times of international disturbances.

The suggestion is regarded by some observers as paving the way for a request by the administration to the next Congress for a far-reaching, but less rigid neutrality law than the present one.—Reuter.



Donald Leach, captain of the Shanghai Interport cricket team, who arrived in Hong Kong this morning, is to take part in his fifteenth Interport—a record equalled by only "Tam" Pearce. An exclusive interview appears on Page 4.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIMPSON VISITS OLD REGIMENT

TO HELP THEM TO CELEBRATE

LINCOLNSHIRE 250TH ANNIVERSARY

"I am here to help the Lincolnshire Regiment to celebrate the 250 anniversary of their being raised in the reign of James II," said Major-General C. R. Simpson, C.B., when interviewed by the *China Mail* on board the R.M.S. Empress of Asia this morning.

Major-General Simpson, who commenced his Army Service in 1875, is a Colonel of the Lincolnshire Regiment. He has had a distinguished career, being appointed Major-General in 1911. He served in the Sudan Expedition in 1898 and took part in the battles of the Athara and Khartum, being mentioned twice in despatches.

"I have a number of friends in all parts of the world," he said, "and I took this journey to visit them. I first visited the Canadian Militia in Ontario. That regiment is called the Lincolnshire Regiment and is allied to the Regiment stationed here."

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MR. J. L. MCPHERSON RETURNS

Now General Adviser To Chinese Y.M.C.A.

Among the passengers who returned to the Colony this morning by the R.M.S. Empress of Asia was Mr. J. L. McPherson, who was included in the last New Year's Honours List and who was General Secretary to the Y.M.C.A. in the Colony.

Mr. McPherson looked very fit when a representative of the *China Mail* called on him this morning. He stated that he had very much enjoyed his holiday in England, and in Canada on his way through. "There was nothing to do in England and, as I had received an official invitation from the Board of Directors of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. to return to the Colony in the capacity of General Adviser, I replied to the effect that I would seriously consider their offer. At that time, I don't mind admitting, I was not too keen on returning to the Colony, but as I hate idleness and as there was nothing to do in England—here I am!"

KINGSFORD SMITH LEAVES ON RECORD-BREAKING FLIGHT

London, To-day. — Sir Charles Kingsford Smith, who left Lympne at 6.28 yesterday morning, on a record-breaking flight to Australia, for a request by the administration to the next Congress for a far-reaching, but less rigid neutrality law than the present one.—Reuter.

MAKALLE FALLS

CITY ENTERED BY NATIVE PATROLS

NO OPPOSITION OFFERED

ABYSSINIANS CLAIM TO HAVE SHOT DOWN TWO PLANES

Rome, To-day. Italian reports from Asmara state that native patrols of Ras Gugsa's men entered Makalle at 11 p.m. yesterday and were given a friendly reception by the inhabitants without opposition from Ethiopian troops. The regulars are expected to enter the town to-day, when, according to the *Lavoro Fascista*, solemn religious ceremonies are being prepared at the churches. Addis Ababa: The Abyssinians claim to have brought down two Italian aeroplanes in the Webbi Shebeli region.

ADVANCE RESUMED

Asmara, earlier: It is confirmed that the Italian forces are re-starting all along the line at dawn to-day, the objective being Makalle and the road beyond. It is expected that Ras Gugsa's followers will be given the honour of leading the entry of the troops into Makalle.—Reuter.

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Makalle Occupied By Abyssinians?

PIERCE SKIRMISH NEAR HAUSEN

Asmara, later: Italian airmen report that Makalle is apparently occupied by Abyssinian troops, whose re-entry into the town after its abandonment by Italian patrols may mean that the Abyssinians intend to put up some resistance.

Two Italian officers are reported to have been wounded and 2 Askaris killed 10 wounded as the result of a sharp encounter to the south-west of Hausen, culminating in a bayonet charge and fierce hand to hand fighting, with a band of Abyssinians, who fled leaving a number dead. These are the first casualties during the new advance.—Reuter.

SUNSHINE FOR THE "QUEEN MARY"

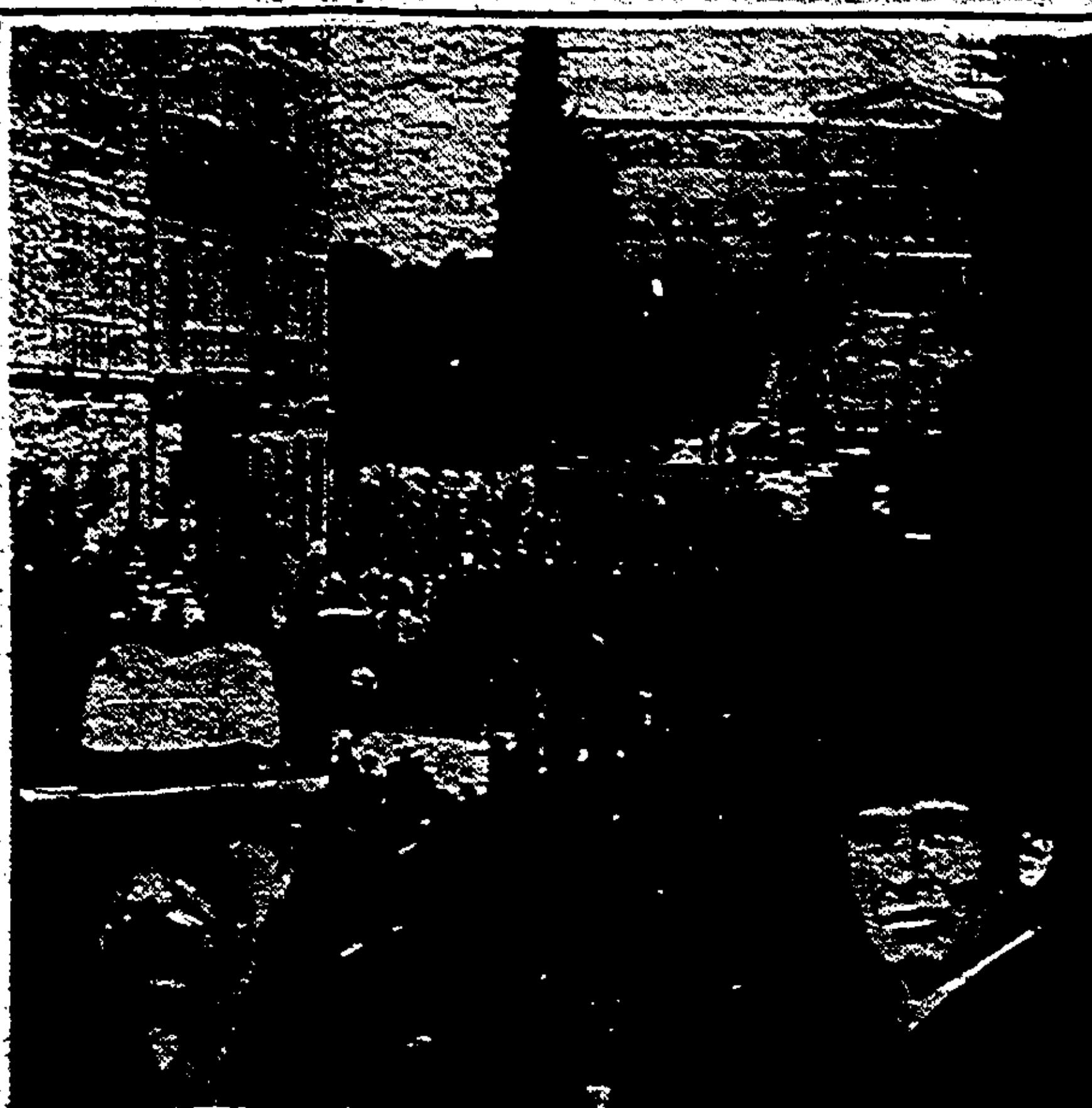
Very High Standards Adopted

London, To-day.

No less than 50 varieties of wood will be used in the internal decoration of the Cunard-White Star liner Queen Mary, which is due to begin her sailings on May 27 next. They include rare varieties such as Betula, Patapaka, Makore and Zebano.

It is stated that the accommodation in the new liner is being planned to give maximum sunshine. The number and size of the windows is exceptional. Children's playrooms, for example, will have five 12-foot windows and a verandah, and the drill room no less than 22 windows.

The statement that when the Queen Mary joins the company of the liner Persimonia would be withdrawn from the service was not authorised by the Cunard-White Star Line.—British Wireless Service.



(Top) Greek Royalists demonstrating in Athens, in the background is the royal castle. (Inset left) Prime Minister Karamanlis. (Inset right) Ex-King George II.

RED PROPAGANDA BY WIRELESS

COMMUNISTS SEEK SUPPORT AGAINST JAPAN

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.

"If Abyssinia can put up a strong stand against Italy, China should be able to resist Japanese aggression. Lend us your support in fighting the Japanese invaders."

This is the propaganda of the Communists in North-west China, who are waging a life-and-death struggle with the Government forces for supremacy in that part of the country.

WANG SAID IMPROVING STEADILY

Chafes At Enforced Idleness

GRATITUDE ANNOUNCED IN PUBLIC STATEMENT

Nanking, To-day.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei's condition is fast becoming normal, says a statement issued by the Waichiaopu last evening. Mr. Wang thinks that as a result of the efforts of the attending surgeons to save his life, he is now out of danger. A statement to this effect will be inserted in the advertising columns of to-day's papers.

The statement, dictated to Mr. Tseng Chung-min, Vice-Minister of Railways, expresses gratitude for the sympathetic concern shown by many friends and says that his life is no longer in danger, but he regrets his enforced idleness.

During Mr. Wang's illness Dr. H. H. Kung is acting President of the Executive Yuan.—Reuter.

JAPANESE SHIPS AT WHAMPOO

Mysterious Cargoes Unloaded

Canton, To-day. Mystery surrounds the arrival of five Japanese freighters which have put in at Whampoo during the course of the past three days and unloaded large consignments of cargo. The ships then left once after the other, but no action has been taken by the authorities.—Neutral News.

NATIONALISATION OF SILVER

CANTON ELECTRIFIED BY OVERNIGHT MEASURE

TRANSGRESSORS ADJUDGED GUILTY OF ACTS OF TREASON

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.

Local business circles were electrified here to-day by the announcement that the Kwangtung Provincial Government is adopting the same measures as those announced a few days ago by the Nanking Government with regard to currency control and the nationalisation of silver.

It is understood that the Government proposes to prohibit the use of silver as currency, regarding it merely as a commodity purchasable only by the Government itself. For currency purposes throughout the province the Kwangtung Bank will be authorised to issue provincial notes, which will be legal tender.

It is explained that the situation calls for the establishment of measures for control. Individual stocks of silver are required to be tendered to the Government, and transgressors under the new law, found in possession of the metal, will be dealt with under the law governing acts of treason to the State.

It is stated on good authority that there is no suggestion of inflation about these new rulings, nor is any move being made towards stabilisation.

LOCAL COST OF LIVING

RISE IN PRICES OF GROCERIES

PERTINENT ENQUIRY AS TO JUSTIFICATION

Tinned goods and groceries of foreign origin are the principal commodities on sale in the local stores which have had their prices raised during the past few days, owing to the drop in the dollar and China's new silver policy.

In the course of a visit this morning to some of the representative stores and compradores' shops by a *China Mail* reporter, it was found that the general price increase of foreign tinned goods, groceries, liquor and tobacco ranges from 10 to 30 per cent. The manager of one large store stated that groceries were selling "according to the current market prices, which have increased by 10 to 15 per cent," while in another case the price of "foreign imports" had been raised by 20 to 30 per cent.

It may be pertinently enquired what justification there is for the raising of prices in the case of goods bought before the local dollar depreciated in relation to sterling; but it would perhaps be more discreet to leave it unasked. The prices of foreign piecegoods apparently remain the same for the present, but how long this happy state will last cannot be predicted.

MACAO TAKES STEPS

EXPORT OF SILVER TO BE PUNISHED

Macao, To-day. The Macao Government has issued an order strictly prohibiting the export of silver, whether in coin or bar. Severe punishment will be meted out to those who disobey the order.—Neutral News.

U.S. OFFICIALS ARE AWAITING DEVELOPMENTS

Treasury Watching Situation

CONSIDERABLE BACKSTAGE FRETTING EVIDENT

Washington, To-day. In an atmosphere of admitted scepticism as to the ability of the Chinese Government to carry out the nationalisation of silver, officials are awaiting developments abroad before arriving at any conclusions with regard to the ultimate results from the standpoint of American silver policy, it was indicated yesterday. The situation is being closely watched by the Treasury, but there is generally lack of comment in Government circles.

On the other hand there are indications of considerable backstage fretting with respect to the question whether the United States actually pushed China off silver; apologists of American policy contending that China's troubles are internal, while critics insist that American policy is chiefly responsible. The U. S. (Continued on Page 12.)

DOLLAR OUTFLOW FROM SWATOW

Customs Unable To Stop Smuggling

OVER \$1,000,000 PASSED OUT WITHIN WEEK

Swatow, To-day. According to the estimation of the local Government, over \$1,000,000 worth of silver has been smuggled out of this city during the past few days. It is rumoured that Chinese nationals, finding some difficulty in exporting silver, have gone into partnership with Japanese nationals and are reaping great fortunes in the silver business.

The Customs are doing all they can to prevent the smuggling but are unable to stop it. Swatow will pay about a dollar within a week of the present enormous amount of smuggling.—Neutral News.

MAIL SCHEDULES

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR
PARCEL MAILS FOR GREAT
BRITAIN

Christmas and New Year Parcel Mails for Great Britain will be closed in the General Post Office as follows:

Steamer	Date of Closing	Date due at L'don
Somali	5 p.m. Nov. 8	Dec. 15
Rawalpindi	5 p.m. Nov. 15	Dec. 19

The Hong Kong Postal Guide of 1935 is now on sale at the General Post Office and Central Post Office, Kowloon.

AIR MAIL

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PARCELS FOR CHINA

In future all parcels for China must be sealed before they can be accepted by the Post Office.

INWARD MAILS

FROM EUROPE

Hakusan Maru (via Negapam)	Nov. 8
Ranchi (via Suez)	Nov. 14

FROM U.S.A.

Emp. of Asia	Nov. 7
Pres. Polk	Nov. 8
Pres. Pierce	Nov. 11
Pres. Jefferson	Nov. 15

FROM JAPAN

Emp. of Asia	Nov. 7
Taishima Maru	Nov. 8
Toyooka Maru	Nov. 8
Fushimi Maru	Nov. 8
Somali	Nov. 8
Jeypore	Nov. 8
Pres. Polk	Nov. 11
Pres. Pierce	Nov. 14
Penang Maru	Nov. 14
Noto Maru	Nov. 15
Pres. Jefferson	Nov. 15
Rawalpindi	Nov. 15

FROM SHANGHAI

Suiyang	Nov. 7
Emp. of Asia	Nov. 8
Fushimi Maru	Nov. 8
Somali	Nov. 8
Tyndareus	Nov. 8
Pres. Polk	Nov. 11
Pres. Pierce	Nov. 11
Pres. Jefferson	Nov. 15
Rawalpindi	Nov. 15

FROM MANILA

General Pershing	Nov. 8
Maron	Nov. 11
Pres. Grant	Nov. 12

FROM STRAITS & INDIA

Hakusan Maru	Nov. 8
Anshun (Air Mail ex Amsterdam)	Nov. 10
Takada	Nov. 10
Aeneas	Nov. 14
Ranchi	Nov. 14
Persens	Nov. 15

OUTWARD MAILS

FOR EUROPE

Bontekoe (via Siberia)	Nov. 7
General Pershing (via Siberia)	Nov. 8
Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord 5 p.m.	
Fushimi Maru (via Mar- seilles Air Mail)	Nov. 8
Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord 5 p.m.	
Somali (via Marseilles)	Nov. 9
Closes: Reg. 5 p.m. Ord 8.30 a.m.	
Pres. Grant (via Victoria)	Nov. 12
Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord 5 p.m.	

FOR SHANGHAI

Bontekoe	Nov. 7
General Pershing	Nov. 8
Taiyo Maru	Nov. 10
Pres. Grant	Nov. 12

FOR STRAITS AND INDIA

Kutsang	Nov. 7
Fushimi Maru	Nov. 8
Somali	Nov. 8
Talma	Nov. 9

FOR JAPAN

General Pershing	Nov. 8
Bokuyo Maru	Nov. 10
Taiyo Maru	Nov. 11
Ginyo Maru	Nov. 11
Pres. Grant	Nov. 12

Womens Page

Beauty Experts In England

English Girls Prettiest
In EuropeGENTLEMEN STILL PREFER
BLONDES

Ten times a day... 3,650 times a year... or between 150,000 and 200,000 times in a lifetime—that is the number of times a woman should powder her nose, according to 36 American beauty specialists now visiting England.

These experts—30 women and six men—are having a "hustle around" before dashing over to Brussels to attend an International Hairdressing Contest there. Miss Kathryn Wildbaum, who has the richest auburn hair in America, and Miss Marie Callahan, are "leading" the women of the party.

And—yes sir—they certainly are impressed with English looks. "Gee," they told me almost in chorus, "I guess your English girls are the prettiest in Europe!" They were shop-sewing, so I dashed along with them—and this is what they told me:

Taken Seriously In U.S.A.—American business women take beauty culture very seriously. If possible, they spend a minimum of two hours a week in the beauty parlour. Beauty treatments are not regarded as a luxury but a necessity. Even children have their beauty specialists. The most noticeable difference between English women and American, they added, is that the Americans are more sophisticated.

"One thing which has lately been stressed," Miss Wildbaum told me, "is the necessity for a different hair style for every change of dress. Smart women must vary their hair-dressing for town wear, sports clothes and then again for evening dress."

This sounded so complicated that I asked the men what kind of women men liked best. Gentlemen Prefer Blondes. Mr. Joseph Battel, of Boston,

FOR MANILA

Emp. of Asia	Nov. 8
Taiping	Nov. 8
Pres. Polk	Nov. 8
Pres. Pierce	Nov. 12
Tjonegara	Nov. 12

FOR AUSTRALIA

McBourne Maru	Nov. 7
Taiping	Nov. 8

FOR U.S.A.

General Pershing	Nov. 8
Bokuyo Maru	Nov. 10

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Electric blue silk net over a silvery blue satin slip combines to make a gown of rare distinction worn by Verree Teasdale, the Warner Bros. screen actress. It shows the windblown silhouette, with a high front and low back decolletage to add interest.

answered me. "The slogan 'Gentlemen prefer blondes' is still true with us," he said. "It's good for trade, too," he added smiling. "hundreds of women come to us regularly to have their brown hair turned golden."

He might well be pleased. This blonde-preference puts thousands of pounds a year into beauty specialists' pockets, the sum grows yearly for more and more women are catching the beauty-parlour habit.—Reuter.

HATS FOR FALL USE VELS

Midseason hats and new creations for early fall are lavishly trimmed with veils. Veils range from small ones that cover only the eyes to long, flowing types that hang to the waistline. One especially alluring veil is of sheer black lace with large coin dots of fringed looking velvet. It is very long at the sides—parted and shirred across the centre of the forehead.

FULL PLEATED SKIRTS RETURN

Full skirts, pleated all the way around like the ones you wore when you were 10 years old, are a new high style note. For fall, designers are planning to launch suave street dresses with pleated skirts as well as jersey and woollen frocks that lend themselves particularly well to this new type of silhouette.

JEWELLED
"BUSKINS"New Evening Slippers
Make Debut

"Buskins" are something new in evening slippers. They are designed of cloth-of-gold or silk studded with gems, they fit the foot like a glove. They have no heels and no soles except the fabric. Ultra-pointed toes complete their strange charm.

Woollen day frocks with draped bodices closely swathing the outlines of the figure and skirts with cartridge-pleated fullness in the back are other outstanding features for the winter. Many are trimmed with big round buttons of hammered copper and belts of braided raffia.—Reuter.

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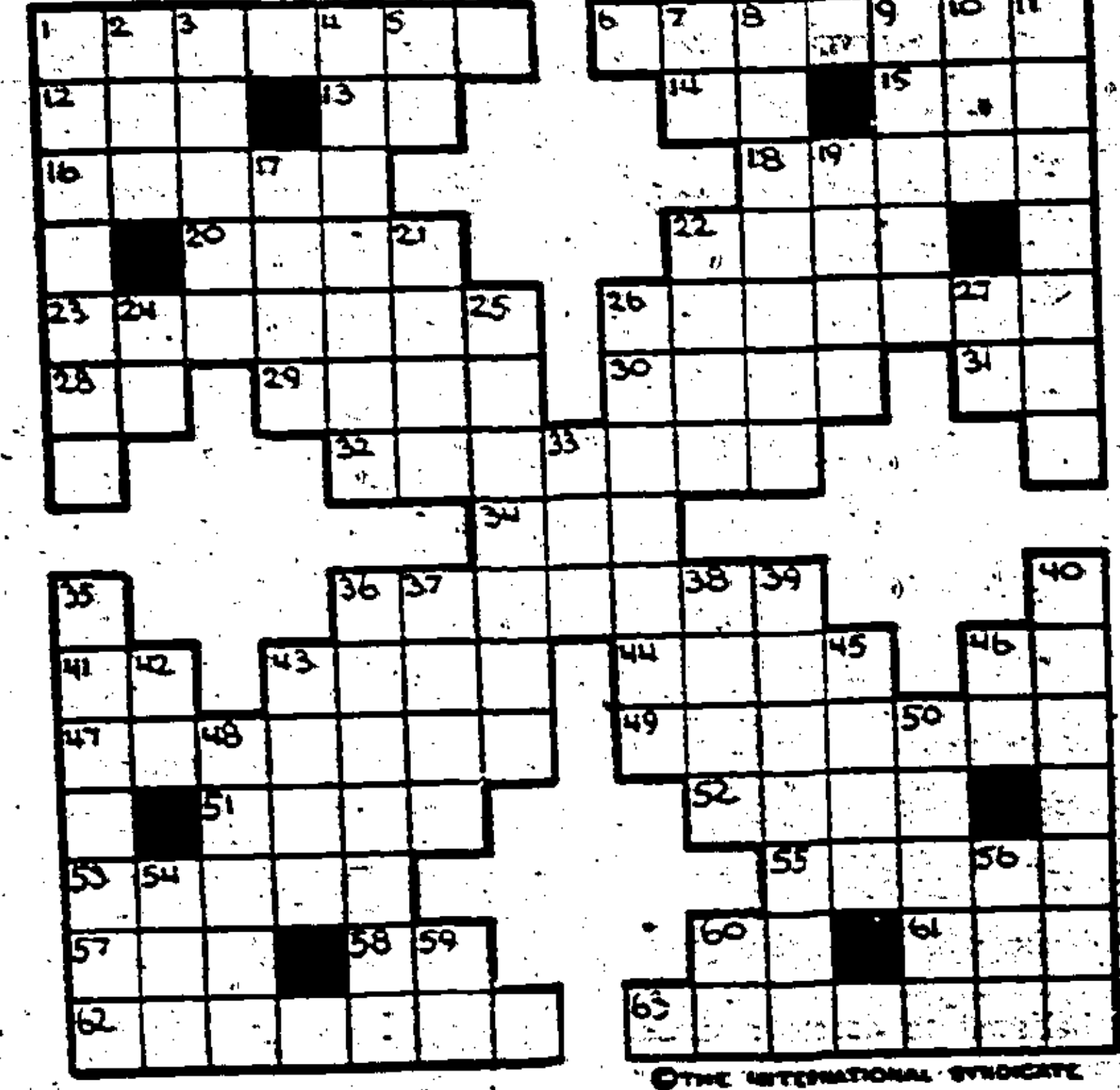


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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



- | HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1-Horse's bit and bridle | 61-Receipt (abbr.) | 13-Those not in office |
| 6-A high explosive | 62-A metal | 21-Facility |
| 12-Popular sandwich meat | 63-Soft embroidery-silk | 22-A chrysalis |
| 13-Personal pronoun | 64-Man's name | 24-A square land-measure (abbr.) |
| 14-Each (abbr.) | 65-To allow | 25-Pupae |
| 15-Numbers (abbr.) | 66-Conjunction | 26-An English gold coin |
| 16-Shoshonean Indians | 67-Gold (chem. sym.) | 27-To effect |
| 18-Specks | 68-A diminutive suffix | 28-A disorderly |
| 20-To carry (local U.S.) | 69-Intrinsic nature of anything | 29-Northern discoverer of America |
| 22-To flow forth in a stream | 70-Convicted | 30-To color |
| 23-Same as "Frisian" | | 31-Older's name |
| 24-Imprisonment | | 32-Prying |
| 25-Bahold | | 33-Made safe |
| 26-Not tight, as money | | 34-Upon |
| 30-Man-like monkeys | | 35-Imprison with reverential fear |
| 31-Old English (abbr.) | | 36-Transgress |
| 32-Pertaining to a grove or wood | | 37-A measure of quantity (abbr.) |
| 34-Left side (abbr.) | | 38-Little children; toddlers |
| 35-Pertaining to common alcohol | | 39-To happen |
| 41-Prefix. With | | 40-French for "the" (pl.) |
| 42-A melody | | 41-A drink |
| 44-Latin for "one" | | 42-Red Cross (abbr.) |
| 45-Battalion (abbr.) | | 43-Like |
| 47-To untwist | | |
| 49-Thoughtful; sober | | |

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in tomorrow's issue.

FALLING LEAVES

How To Prevent The
Drains Clogging

At this time of year falling leaves quickly drift into outside drains and clog the gratings, causing water to overflow. To prevent this the drains should be protected with wire netting cut to fit over the earthenware top round the grating. This netting may easily be removed and cleared of leaves as soon as they collect on it. Roof gutters and downspouts in which leaves may accumulate should be cleaned out occasionally, or they may overflow and cause damp walls and other damage.

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By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 4th November, 1935.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and **ENTRY FORMS** for the **TWELFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING** to be held on **SATURDAY, 16th November, 1935** (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Gloucester Building, the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club, and the Stables, Sham Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock **NOON on THURSDAY, 7th November, 1935.**

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 4th November, 1935.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB

INTERPORT CRICKET

HONG KONG vs. SHANGHAI
Saturday, Monday and Tuesday
November 9th, 11th and 12th.

MATCHES will commence at 11 a.m. each day except the 11th, Armistice Day, when commencement will be made at 11.45 a.m. Close of play 5 p.m.

A stand on the corner of Queen's Road and Des Voeux Road will be open to the Public at a charge of 50 cents (inc. tax) per person per day. Tickets for sale on the ground.

Benches on the Queen's Road side of the ground will be reserved free of charge for Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen in uniform, to whom the Club extends this invitation.

Members and Subscribers are notified that a stand on the Chater Road side of the ground will be reserved for them and their ladies. Entrance by the small gate in Chater Road at the East end of the Pavilion.

Amusements

Cinema Notes

"RED HOT TYRES"—QUEEN'S THEATRE

As the title suggests this picture has for its theme motor-racing, with the daredevils who man the cars as the central characters.

Lytle Talbot, who made his debut in the speed type of role in "Wings in the Dark," screened locally a short time ago, has the principal part. His recklessness at the wheel will hold any audience spell-bound.

Most of the action concerns a racing battle between two men who are rivals, not only in a professional sense, but also for the love of beautiful Mary Astor.

In addition to the two already mentioned the cast includes such well-known names as Frankie Darro, Roscoe Karns and Cavin Gordon.

"BREWSTER'S MILLIONS"—KING'S THEATRE

Buchanan's latest picture should appeal strongly to the harassed business man who spends his days trying to make enough money to keep the wolf from the door, and his nights dreaming that his firm has declared a dividend of 100 per cent.

The plot of "Brewster's Millions," which ran for a year on the West End stage before the war, concerns the difficulties of a young man, who in order to inherit a fortune of \$5,000,000 has to spend \$500,000 in six months.

This is not nearly so easy as it sounds, for it means getting rid of the stuff at the rate of \$150 an hour for 24 hours a day, and one of the methods adopted by the compulsory spendthrift is to establish a business with an enormous and greatly overpaid staff for the sole purpose of spending money as quickly as possible.

The employees of this crazy concern are encouraged to ask for an increase of salary every other day, sales are left open so that anyone in need of ready cash may help himself. The Efficiency Department specialises in leaving the lights burning all night, and the highly paid staff of the Information Bureau spends its time refusing to give information to anyone. This picture is a great tonic in these days of depression.

"RED WAGON"—ALHAMBRA THEATRE

"Red Wagon" claims the great open spaces for its background, and the gay-hearted, hard-boiled sons and daughters of the circus and the gypsy encampment for its intimate revelations of half-primitive passions. From this welter of interest, there emerges the central story of Joe Prince, born of the circus, and orphaned in his infancy, who by years of struggle and resolution at last reaches what he believed to be his life's ambition.

But what life gave to him with the right hand it snatched away ruthlessly with the left.

He broke the most rigid of circus conventions and married the gypsy girl Sheba. The years of hardship and self-denial he had endured for the circus were nothing to the months of heartbreak which married his love life with Sheba, and then when she left him for her gypsy lover, taking with her his dwindling "nest egg," the circus seemed to come to an end. The story takes another dramatic turn at this point and his efforts to re-build his circus begin.

"ADVICE TO THE LOVELORN"—ORIENTAL THEATRE

Lee Tracy, one of the screen's fastest wisecrackers, has a part after his own heart as the editor of "Heartthrobs" in "Advice To The Lovelorn."

How his answers to letters from love-sick girls embroil Tracy in one of the greatest scandals of the year forms a thrilling story set against the ever-changing background of a newspaper office.

"510 RAISE"—STAR THEATRE

A static paycheck that will not budge, and an ecstatic romance at breaking point, are the two conflicting forces that battle in "510 Raise," the latest Fox Film picture.

A wheel-to-the-grindstone book-keeper, suddenly sky-shot to the ether of romance, comes back to earth with a bang, when he counts the dollars in his paycheck. Too timid to tackle the boss, a Simon Legree of a slave-driver, the

BRIDGE NOTES

SIMS THREE BID

By Ely Culbertson

Occupying a prominent place in the arsenal of my esteemed recent adversary, Mr. Sims is a glittering, fearsome, and almost legendary device known as the Sims three bid. I say "almost legendary" because, although a lot of people have heard about it, few have actually seen it in action. This is not because it is deliberately kept in reserve but because this awesome instrument, geared to micrometric precision, is unfortunately useful only for hands that are near the outermost bounds of mathematical probability.

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HELENA MAY
INSTITUTE

Opening Concert Of
Winter Season

TO-NIGHT'S PROGRAMME

The following is the programme for the concert at the Helena May Institute this evening:

Artists:—Mrs. E. Snowden Jones (Soprano), Mrs. N. Mathison (Contralto), Dr. L. T. Ride (Baritone), Mr. W. M. Bartlett (Pianoforte). At the piano:—Mr. Lindsay A. Lafford, F.R.C.O. (CHM) A.R.C.M., L.R.A.M.

1.—Duets.
(a) The Whirling of the Spinning-wheel. Old Welsh Harp Melody.

(b) I Know a Bank. Martin Shaw.

2.—Contralto Solos.

(a) Verborghenheit (Secrecy). Hugo Wolf.

(b) Die Mainacht (The May Night). Brahms.

3.—Pianoforte Solo.

Prelude and Fugue in E minor Op. 35, No. 1. Mendelssohn.

4.—Soprano Solos.

(a) Serenade. Richard Strauss.

(b) Good Morning. Grieg.

5.—Baritone Solos.

(a) Come live with me. Handel.

(b) Phyllis has Such Charming Graces. Lane Wilson.

6.—Duets.

(a) Blossom Time. Roger Quilter.

(b) Adieu. German Folk Song (Arr. Vaughan Williams).

7.—Contralto Solos.

(a) My Life's Delight.

(b) The Fuchsia Tree.

(c) Fair House of Joy. Roger Quilter.

8.—Pianoforte Solos.

(a) Toccata in A (from Sonata No. 6). Paradisi.

(b) Danse Caprice Op. 28, No. 3. Grieg.

(c) Ragamuffin. John Ireland.

9.—Soprano Solos.

(a) My Heart is Like a Singing Bird. Hubert Parry.

(b) Lullaby. Chaminade.

(c) Macleods Galley. Beethoven (Arr. Kennedy Fraser).

10.—Baritone Solos.

(a) To Anthea. Hattori.

(b) An Epitaph. Maurice Beley.

(c) Some rival has stolen my true love away. Traditional (Arr. Broadway).

11.—Pianoforte Solo.

The Temple Bells (Four Indian Love Lyrics) (Woodford-Finden).

12.—Pianoforte Solo.

The Temple Bells (Four Indian Love Lyrics) (Woodford-Finden).

13.—Pianoforte Solo.

The Temple Bells (Four Indian Love Lyrics) (Woodford-Finden).

14.—Pianoforte Solo.

The Temple Bells (Four Indian Love Lyrics) (Woodford-Finden).

ROYAL COUPLE ON
HONEYMOONDRIVE THROUGH LARGE
CHEERING CROWDS

London, To-day.

Despite a slight drizzle the Duke and Duchess travelled in an open landau, drawn by four bay horses and preceded by two outriders in scarlet and gold, from the Palace to St. Pancras, where they entrained for Kettering, to spend their honeymoon. As they left the Palace the bridesmaids and guests, led by the Prince of Wales, showered confetti and rose leaves on the couple.



The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres. (845 K.C.'s).

5-6 p.m.—European Programme.

6-6.30 p.m.—A Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra.

6.30-7 p.m.—Children's Studio Concert.

7-7.15 p.m.—A Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra.

7.15-7.30 p.m.—"Peer Gynt" (Incidental Music) (Grieg).

7.30-7.45 p.m.—A Pianoforte Recital by Simon Barer.

1. Waltz in A Flat Major, Op. 42 (Chopin).

2. Etude in F Minor (Liszt).

3. Sonetto No. 104 Del Petrarca (Liszt).

7.45-7.55 p.m.—Three Songs by Sir Harry Lander.

1. Mr. John Mackay (Lander).

2. I've something in the bottle for the Morning.

3. We Parted on the Shore (Lander).

7.55-8 p.m.—From the Studio.

A Talk on "Interport Cricket" past and present by R. Abbit.

8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report; Closing Local Stock Quotations.

"A Personal message by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Patron of the British Legion."

8.05-10.30 p.m.—Chinese Studio Concert.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

8.05-10 p.m.—European programme from Z.B.W. on a frequency of 640 kilocycles.

8.05-8.55 p.m.—A Relay from Deventry.

The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra, directed by Henry Hall.

8.50-9 p.m.—Vocal Gems from Erik Charell's "White Horse Inn".

9-9.15 p.m.—A Relay of the Deventry News Bulletin. (Copyright by Reuter).

9.15-9.30 p.m.—Jazz Piano recital by Billy Mayerl.

1. Billy Mayerl's Savoy Havanera Memories.

2. Billy Mayerl's own Selection.

9.30-9.35 p.m.—"The Derby" (Descriptive).

9.35-10 p.m.—De Groot and His Orchestra.

The Temple Bells (Four Indian Love Lyrics) (Woodford-Finden).

10-11 p.m.—"Four Indian Love Lyrics" (Woodford-Finden).

In the Night (Tate).

Under the note of Paris (Moretti).

Ernest Walks—Potpourri (Kobrecht).

10.15 p.m.—Big Ben: Reuter Press Despatch (Bynes).

10.05 p.m.—Close Down.

The duke, who was bare-headed, and the bride in blue, waved to the cheering crowds thronging the route, greeting the couple with shouts of "Good luck, long life and happiness."

—Reuter.

100 GUESTS PRESENT

London: The H.R.H. Duke of Gloucester and Lady Alice Scott were married yesterday morning in the private chapel at Buckingham Palace, in the presence of the King and Queen and about 100 guests. Afterwards the Royal bride and bridegroom appeared with the King and Queen and other members of the Royal family on the balcony of the Palace, and were enthusiastically cheered by a concourse of people.

At the wedding breakfast the King proposed the only toast—that to the bride and bridegroom.

—British Wireless Service.

POPPY DAY
APPEALAnother Case Of
Assistance

Here is another letter received by the Officers' Benevolent Dept. last year:—

"Without this assistance my boy would have received no education beyond his preparatory school. I feel the Department has dispensed not only justice according to its rules but has added a considerable degree of mercy, so long as such kindly consideration is shown for disabled officers' children in genuine need, so long shall we all feel that the money entrusted to the Legion are being dispensed in the true spirit of aid when it is genuinely needed."

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INCREASE IN
HONG KONG'S
ANIMAL LIFEThe Circus Comes
To TownALL SET FOR TO-NIGHT'S
GRAND OPENING

The K.P.M. vessel Bontiteko presented an unusual sight as she steamed up the Central Fairway at about 5 p.m. yesterday and came to rest alongside Holt's Wharf. The decks were lined with large red boxes, mounted on wheels, announcing to the world at large in yellow block letters that they and their contents were the property of Harmsen's Circus.

The spectator on the wharf had no need to be possessed of particularly sensitive ears to detect the sounds that emerged from these rectangles, for they were loud and vociferous, as if intimating to the Colony in general that the occupants were glad to see land again after a rather stormy passage from Singapore.

As the ship manoeuvred closer to the wharf it could be seen that the boxes were perforated with holes, and when the cases were eventually landed—after much gesticulating and shouting on the part of those responsible for the working of the cranes—a peep through one of these holes revealed a sight that has not been seen in Hong Kong for many a long month.

WILD ANIMALS

Lions, tigers, leopards—every species of animal known to man, it appeared—were housed in the innocent looking boxes, which now virtually clattered the wharf.

Chattering monkeys made a veritable bedlam of sound as they were deposited on the pier; a deep throated growl told the onlooker that Leo, the Lion, was not particularly pleased at being jostled about by a lot of ignorant coolies; while two beautiful cockatoos maintained a discreet silence.

With the ship's arrival the animal population of the Colony was increased by about 70 members.

The other half of the circus is made up of 40 humans, representing about 20 different acts, not demonstrated in the Colony hitherto.

MANY NEW ACTS

Among the new ones are the Cockatoo Act, introduced by Mr. Piers; a *de luxe* flying trapeze act, by Mr. and Mrs. Kernlooff; and the Cycling Act by the Florence family, who already have a wide reputation in other cities of the East. In addition there is Turkid and his famed tiger performance, one of the most breathtaking and daring acts on the programme, and Mr. Sveli with his elephants.

The erection of the Circus tent near the Peninsula Hotel began at the vacant plot of ground immediately after the members of the Circus had disembarked, and the show will be ready for opening at 9.15 to-night.

(Continued from Column 4.)

The bidding:

Sporting Page

SHANGHAI CRICKETERS ARRIVE—"OUR CHANCES ARE GOOD"

SCOTLAND MAKES ONE CHANGE

Hastings For Brown Against Ireland
INTERNATIONAL SOCCER

London, To-day.
The following have been selected to represent Scotland in the international soccer match against Ireland in Edinburgh next Wednesday:

Jackson (Chelsea); Anderson (Hearts); Cummings (Partick); Massie (Hearts); Simpson (Glasgow Rangers); and Hastings (Sunderland); Delaney (Celtic); Walker (Hearts); Armstrong (Aberdeen); Mills (Aberdeen); and Duncan (Derby).—Reuter.

The side shows only one change from that which drew with Wales at Cardiff on October 5. Hastings replacing Brown, of the Rangers, at left-half. Ireland opened the season with a 3-1 defeat against England at Belfast.

BROOKLANDS

Alfa Romeo's Mountain Lap Record

London, To-day.
Mr. R. O. Shuttleworth, driving an Alfa Romeo car, yesterday broke the mountain lap record at Brooklands. His time was 51.33 seconds, which is equivalent to an average speed of 82.06 miles an hour.

The record was recently raised by Mr. Raymond Mays, in an E.R.A. car, to 51.23 miles an hour.—British Wireless Service.

SURREY RUGBY WIN OVER MIDDLESEX

Light Blues Beat Guy's Hospital

London, To-day.
Surrey beat Middlesex by 17 points to nil in the County Rugby Championship at Richmond yesterday.

In the two other leading Rugby Union games played Cambridge University beat Guy's Hospital by 19 points to 5, and St. Bart's Hospital lost to an Army fifteen by 4 points to nil.—Reuter.

RECREIO TENNIS FINALS

To Be Held On Sunday

Two good tennis matches are promised next Sunday when the finals of the Recreio Ladies' Singles Handicap and "Hong" Doubles Handicap will be held.

Miss B. A. Remedios will meet Miss C. Osmund in the ladies' match, while M. A. Oliveira and L. F. V. Ribeiro will meet C. A. Barretto and N. A. Beltrao in the "Hong" match.

The matches will be followed by a flannel dance.

ARGONAUTA HOCKEY XI FOR TO-MORROW

The following players have been selected to represent the "Argonauta" in their Mamak tournament hockey match against the Royal Corps of Signals to-morrow at 4.45 p.m. on the Marina ground: N. Faria; A. A. da Remedios and A. Pina; A. Silva; J. Goncalves and T. Alves; F. Nolasco; B. Gossio; A. M. Xavier; A. S. Xavier and A. Angelo.

WILLIE PARK DEAD

The death is announced from New York of J. A. Park, son of Willie Park, who won the first open golf championship in 1860. J. A. Park, who was 58, went to the United States 20 years ago to take up a professional appointment.



A. W. Hayward, above, the captain of the Hong Kong Interport Cricket eleven, was on the Kowloon wharf this morning to meet the Shanghai Interporters.

GUNNER TEAMS IN THRILLING SOCCER DUEL

12TH BTY. TRIUMPH IN "R.A." CUP

EDMUNDS, HARRIS AND BARRACLOUGH SHINE

In the Second Round of the Royal Artillery Football Cup, played at Lyceum yesterday, the 12th Heavy Battery, beat the 20th Heavy Battery by two clear goals in a very fast and exciting encounter.

The outstanding features of the game were supplied by Sergt. Bilton, Cnr. Harris and Edr. Edmunds, of the 12th Battery, who gave a great display. Edmunds being particularly good among the forwards, initiating the majority of movements and making the openings.

Plays Lone Game

Barraclough, playing at centre-forward for the 20th Battery, played a lone hand and made several gallant efforts to pierce the opposing team's defence, but, without the necessary support, he was doomed to failure.

Smith, on the right-wing, also shone for the loggers, sending over several grand centres which were, however, not utilised by the inside-forwards.

12th Bty. Press

The game was very closely fought out in the opening half, the 12th Battery dominating play towards the end, being cheered to the echo by a large gathering estimated at over 300.

In the second half Thomson, the 12th Battery's centre-forward, opened the scoring with a grand shot, and placed the issue beyond doubt just before the end with a pile-driver.

MANCHESTER NOVEMBER HANDICAP

London, To-day. — Crawley Wood is being offered at 9 to 2 and being taken at 5 to 1 for the Manchester November Handicap, according to the latest Victoria Club call-over. Bar One is being offered at 10 to 1.—Reuter.

THRILLING LAST-MINUTE TRY BY MIERS

NAVY "A" DEFEAT CLUB "A"

FIELDEN DROPS VERY FINE GOAL

A very scrappy rugby game was witnessed at the Valley yesterday when the Navy "A" fifteen by a goal and a try (8 points) to a dropped goal (4 points).

The latter stages of the game provided the only thrills of the whole encounter, a dropped goal by Fielden giving the Club the odd point lead with only a few minutes to go, but just before the final whistle Miers broke through for a Navy score near the posts.

The game was marred to a great extent by too much kicking on the part of Archer, who, instead of opening up the game, repeatedly attempted to find touch from the middle of the field, but without much success.

Weak Passing

The passing by both sides was not at its best, fumbled passes being all too numerous, particularly by the Navy backs, who were given numerous opportunities in the second half.

The Club had as much of the play as their opponents, with the exception of the closing minutes, when the ball was rarely in the Navy half.

Bonnar, Black and Fielden were the pick of the Club backs, Scott and Powell hanging on to the ball much too long, while Aiers, with one exception, when he prevented a probable try, was just a little bit too slow.

Miers and Bowden worked hard behind the scrum and attempted to send their threequarters away on every possible occasion, but bad passing nullified their efforts.

Forwards Shine

King and Puddicombe were the pick of the Navy pack, while Warren and Skinner tackled well and passed excellently among the backs.

Warren opened the scoring, culminating one of the few good passing bouts, but the kick failed. There was no further scoring until well into the second half, when Fielden dropped a beautiful goal from a 15 yards scrum.

With but a few minutes to go the Navy pressed, and from a five-yard scrum Miers hurled himself over the line for Warren to add the goal points in fast falling light.

Navy "A": — A. B. Gould (Medway); A. B. Skinner (Folkestone); A. B. Jones (Medway); A. B. Block (Medway) and Sto. Warren (Medway); Lt. Miers (Medway) and W. Bowden (Tamar); Tel. King (Tamar); Sig. Puddicombe (Tamar); E. R. A. Jagger (Medway); Lay. Lt. Lovelace (Tamar); Lt. Cooper (Medway); Lt. Wise (Medway); Lt. S. B. A. Jelby (Tamar) and Lt. Prowse (Medway).

Club "A": — K. B. Aiers; C. J. Powell; M. W. Scott; C. B. Black and J. A. Fielden; J. L. Bonnar and S. C. Archer; J. H. McElroy; G. S. Chambers; J. S. Dunnett; D. K. Paul; J. H. Hawtrett; B. Hynes; G. A. Stewart; D. A. Campbell.



"Pat" Madar, left, the Grimmut of the Shanghai side, H. R. B. Hancock, centre, President of the Hong Kong Cricket Club and one of the leading personalities in the history of Interport cricket, and A. H. Madar, right, of the Hong Kong team, whose selection has provided the scorer with a teaser—there are three Madars in the match.



L. F. Stokes, above, Shanghai's opening batsman and a brilliant all-round sportsman, is making his ninth Interport appearance in the series.

DRAW MADE FOR LADIES' 7-A-SIDE HOCKEY SERIES

HOLDERS TO MEET RECREIO LADIES

TWO DIVISIONS THIS YEAR

The draw for the Pearce Seven-A-Side Ladies' Hockey Shield has already taken place and the holders, the "Y" Ladies, meet the Club de Recreio Ladies in the First Round.

The Hong Kong Ladies, holders of the Caer Clarke Cup, have entered two teams, their senior side meeting the much improved, C. B. A. Ladies in the First Round, while their second team has drawn a bye, together with St. Andrew's Ladies.

Junior Division

This year a junior Seven-A-Side series has been inaugurated and has drawn eight teams.

The Central British School-girls, in spite of their many defeats last season, have again entered the competitive arena, while the Diocesan Girls' School make their first appearance.

The following are the draws:—

Senior Competition

St. Andrew's Ladies Bye.
First Round.
Recreio Ladies v "Y" Ladies.
C. B. A. Ladies v H. K. Ladies (1).
H. K. Ladies (2) Bye.

Junior Competition

First Round.
Diocesan Girls' School v H. K. Ladies (3).
St. Andrew's Ladies v Central British School (2) v C. B. A. Ladies.
Recreio Ladies v "Y" Ladies.

DONALD LEACH IN FINE FORM WITH THE BAT

Visitors At The Club Nets

"CARNERA" WILLIAMS DOES NOT BOWL

(By L. B. W.)

A large crowd of local enthusiasts saw the Shanghai team at practice on the Club ground this morning.

After all we had heard about "Camera" Williams and his fast bowling, it was disappointing not to see him in action, though he had a knock, giving the impression that he is quite a steady batsman. Donald Leach, the Shanghai skipper, shaped very well, timing the ball beautifully. In the course of his "net" he brought off many nice shots, his pulling and cutting being especially good. Leach is also bowling very well, and it will be interesting to note that he has retrieved the ball that has taken so many Hong Kong wickets—the off-spinner when a leg break is expected.

Madar's Good Length

Though he appeared a little stiff, Pat Madar sent down some good length deliveries which turned out both ways. He also batted very confidently, and the same might be said of Sam Kermani, though he was bowled by a "wrong 'un" from Leach.

KERMANI NEEDS SEAT TO MEET RICKETTS

Sam Kermani, the diminutive Shanghai wicket-keeper, displayed a keen sense of humour at the Hong Kong Cricket Club this morning when he jumped up on to one of the seats when being introduced to G. R. M. Ricketts. He was afraid that he might strain himself shaking hands!

Booth Out Of Luck

Shanghai's No. 1 spin bowler, R. Booth, was disappointing at the nets. When I saw him on the Empress of Asia earlier in the day the first question he asked was "whether we had had any rain recently." He must have a soft wicket to be at his best, but as things are with the wicket drying rapidly, Booth will not find things to his liking. However, as he swings the ball a lot, he will need careful watching, and it will be well for the Colony players to remember that when

MARSHALL KEPT BACK BY RACES

"LECKIE GOOD FOR CENTURY"

LOCAL SWING BOWLING NOT LIKELY TO BE EFFECTIVE

ALL looking fit and well, the Shanghai Interport Cricket team arrived this morning by the R.M.S. Empress of Asia.

The Empress was flying the S.C.C. flag as she steamed into port and Teddy Fincher, the only Colony cricketer present when she tied up, probably wondered whether the visitors would carry away the Hong Kong flag at the mast-head on the return voyage.

Interviewed by the China Mail, Mr. Leach said they had had a very enjoyable trip and that they were all looking forward to the Interport match. Asked what he thought of his team's chances of victory, he replied with his infectious smile, "Our chances are quite good."

"Marshall was invited to take part in the Interport, but declined on account of the Race Meeting. He was going to fly down to-day, but the Shanghai Race Club have added an extra meeting and he has decided to remain in Shanghai for it," stated Donald Leach, the popular captain of the Shanghai Interport Cricket team in an exclusive interview with the China Mail on board the R.M.S. Empress of Asia this morning, shortly after the vessel had berthed at the wharf.

Question Of Leave

Several players were invited, but were unable to obtain leave, among these being "Torrle" Williams.

he was here in 1931 he took 5 wickets for 27 runs in the first innings.

When Sam Kermani went out to bat he revealed that he still favours the hook shot, and anything that was short of a length was sent to the leg side in no uncertain manner. He has, however, developed a very powerful late cut and exploited this stroke to great advantage.

Chosen For Fielding

Harry Madar did not impress as a bat, but I am told that he was chosen for his fielding—he is said to be a brilliant cover-point.

J. B. H. Leckie is a sound bat with a good defence, but I doubt if he will make many runs in the Interport, though he has scored a few forties in Shanghai.

Stokes, whom we all knew too well, again demonstrated, at the nets that he has lost none of his skill with the bat. He gave a perfect exhibition of square cutting, but as he has such a big repertoire of strokes it would be futile to draw comparisons.

Humphreys, who has been down here for some time, joined his team-mates in the knock-up and shaped quite well.

In short, Shanghai have a useful side. Leach, Jenkins, Pat Madar, Booth, Elliott and "Camera" Williams will bear the brunt of the attack, while Leach, Stokes, Pat Madar, Booth and Sam Kermani will form the nucleus of the batting.

COMBINED SERVICES TEAM

Match With Shanghai Next Thursday

A very strong team has been selected to represent the United Services in their match against Shanghai on the Club ground next Thursday, commencing at 11.30 a.m. The team is as follows:—Comdr. N. V. Grace, R.N.; Lt. Holland-Martin, R.N.; Lt. H. B. R.N.; Lt. Prowse, R.N.; Lt. B. R.N.; Major Bonville, R.A.M.C.; Capt. Walsh, R.A.S.C. (Capt.); Capt. Perse, R.A.; Lt. Garthwaite, R.A.; Lt. Williams, East Lancs; and Cpl. Ballard, H.A.S.C. Twelfth man—A. B. Peckish.



Booth, above, a sound bat and one of Shanghai's medium-paced bowlers.

son, A. J. Barson, O. G. Simpson and H. A. Coward, stated Leach. The Shanghai skipper said they were not quite certain who would open their bowling, but Williams, a very fast, but erratic bowler, and Jenkins were the two most probable men.

Leckie A Good Bat

The batting strength of the side is also fairly high. "Leckie should knock up a century, while Stokes is a consistently good bat, but (smiling) it all depends on how he feels now." Stokes is on his honeymoon. Sam Kermani is still performing well, while Leach confessed that he himself was feeling "tip-top."

The Shanghai team will rely to a great extent upon Pat Madar, Leach, Elliott and Booth for their attack.

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SHANGHAI CRICKETERS AT GOVT. HOUSE

Interesting Programme Arranged

DANCE AT K.C.C. ON SATURDAY

As in former years, a very elaborate programme has been arranged for the entertainment of our cricket visitors and included in the week's festivities is a tiffin party at Government House, while the Northerners will also take part in the Armistice Day ceremony at the Cenotaph.

The full programme is as follows:—

To-day—Team arrives on Empress of Asia. Nets Practice.
To-morrow—Tiffin at Government House, 1.15 p.m. Nets Practice.
Saturday—1st Day Interport, 11 a.m. R. C. C. Dance, 2.30 p.m.
Sunday—Shelby.
Monday—Cenotaph Ceremony, 11 a.m. 2nd Day Interport, 11.45 a.m. Tuesday—3rd Day Interport, 11 a.m.
Wednesday—Shanghai v R. C. C. at Kowloon, Open Air Concert, R. C. C. 7.30 p.m.
Thursday—Shanghai v United Services, R. C. C. 11 a.m. Interport Dinner, Hong Kong Club, 8 p.m.
Friday—Dance at Government House of Asia.



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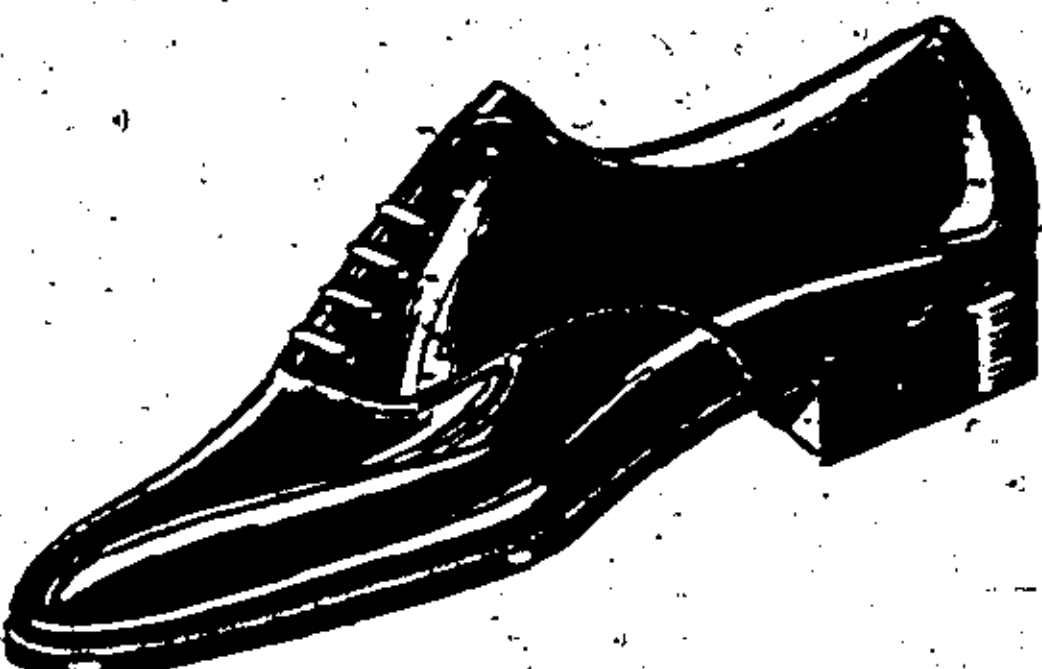
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BIRTH

STOKER.—At the Kowloon Hospital on Wednesday, November 6, 1935, to Betty, wife of W. Stoker, a son.

Hong Kong, Thursday, Nov. 7, 1935.

The Hustings

With the general election little more than a week ahead it would be unnatural not to take an aviator's—or, as the old fashioned expression had it, a bird's-eye—view of the fray. And as usual one is rather startled by the contrast between our respect for the "majesty of the people," and the undignified process of consulting the omnipotent deity. The enormous increase in the number of electors has made it impossible to continue the old methods of direct and personal bribery either in cash or kind: the up-to-date method is by promising to give to all and sundry magnificent rewards out of the public purse. But only the very raw electors are now-a-days able to take the proffered paradise at face value. It is much more effective to appeal to the passions and the imagination, and try to start into activity the "herd instinct" which leads one man to vote because he hears that a friend is going to vote in the same way.

In this art there is no doubt that Mr. Lloyd George is like a professional among amateurs. There is enough substance in his picture of Sir Samuel Hoare and Mr. Eden as innocents going down to Jericho with a wallet full of the hard-earned wages of the British workman, and falling among thieves in the persons of Signor Mussolini and M. Laval, to turn many votes, if only the voters could believe for one moment that Mr. Lloyd George himself would be able to make the same journey with greater security. Disraeli said "never retract, never explain, never apologise," and Mr. Lloyd George did not remind his audience that if the Covenant has proved to have the word "may" too often, and "must" too seldom, he was himself Prime Minister when the treaty was signed, and it was he himself who made such extensive concessions to President Wilson on the one hand and M. Clemenceau on the other, that the road was made easy for any determined adventurer to waylay the unprotected traveller with every advantage on the side of the bandits.

There can be no doubt that the League system is terribly cumbersome. The theory of economic sanctions is that they are a substitute for war, and not a preliminary to the military sanctions that are very much like war itself. The imposition should therefore be rapid and certain. If there is any doubt that they will be imposed the fear does not deter. Mr. Lloyd George can certainly point to the fact that the League did not prevent the bombing of Ethiopian villages and the occupation of outlying provinces, and that there are acts of war. Moreover it was only after a week had elapsed that the Committee appointed for the purpose was able to certify that an act of aggression had been committed. In the meantime of course so centralised a Government as the Fascist had been able to call in all Italian balances in foreign

banks, and to use all the available credit to order munitions of war that would be the first to come under an embargo. For instance, while the Committee was sitting and drawing up its list of contraband, French factories sent into Italy about six hundred tons of high explosive in one transaction, and a list could easily be compiled that would make it seem that Europe was engaged in actively assisting the Italian invasion. No treaty engagement under the Covenant was broken by these transactions. If they were repeated a week hence it would be contrary to the obligations undertaken by the member States. But of course a week hence Italy will have got all she can afford to pay for, and the only question will be whether the attack can be successful within a reasonable time. It will be noticed that all the delays have been in favour of Italy, who cannot complain, and as a matter of fact has very cleverly elected to make the most of the position by remaining within the League and letting Baron Aloisi argue each point at length.

But that is not the whole of the tragedy. In spite of the furious attacks on England made by the Italian press, to work up a martial spirit which would come in handy in case of a threat of war, Signor Mussolini relies even now on the scrupulous legalism of our Government and the Fleet. The ships that carry the supplies and the ammunition to his men pass by a powerful fleet which keeps the course open to them because we are not at war with their country. One need not in any way disparage the efficiency of the Italian navy. For such operations it is necessary to have complete and continuous command of the sea, which is impossible in face of any serious menace. A troopship crammed with thousands of men could be sunk with a single shell.

Moreover there is the Suez Canal, governed by an international treaty to which he appeals, while he is himself guilty of having broken at least three treaties, to count only those directly made with Ethiopia. Could paradox go further?

Yes, Italy has accepted the invitation to the Naval Conference, and appointed delegates. The principal item for which Italy argued at the last Conference was the reduction of the British Fleet, and the expansion of the Italian quota to equal that of France. It is a good thing to continue negotiations on the basis of friendship and the observance of treaties. But has logic, like economics, been, as Lord Salisbury once said, "banished to Mars?"

EXPLANATION OF
YESTERDAY'S
CARTOON
THE DODO

THE Dodo or Simpleton Bird was a gigantic pigeon larger than a turkey and was particularly plentiful on the islands of Mauritius and Reunion. It was unable to fly, due to atrophied wings, and could run but slowly. The birds were so abundant that people became satiated with their flesh, and began to kill them wantonly. The dodos used to swallow pebbles and stones. These stones, greatly sought for as knife sharpeners, contributed to their complete extermination by sailors. The dodo has been extinct since 1681.

CONFERENCE IN
CANTONParley Of Military
Officials

Canton, To-day.

After consulting with Mr. Tai Chi-tao, and Mr. Ma Chao-chun, General Chan Chai-long despatched orders to all high military officials in Kwangtung to return to Canton from their respective defence areas to attend a meeting for the discussion of important questions regarding the Fifth National Congress. Neutral News.

Here
There
and
Everywhere

ARCHAEOLOGY AS USUAL

War or not, archaeology goes on. An expedition of the Egypt Exploration Society left last month for Armant, once great city by the Nile, in Lower Egypt, and site of the Bull Tombs which the society first excavated some years ago.

Mr. Oliver Myers, who led the expedition, says that, although Armant would be "in the line of fire" in the event of military operations around the Suez Canal, no obstacle has been put in the expedition's way by the British authorities.

MR. CHURCHILL STILL PAINTS

Mr. Winston Churchill maintains his interest in art in the midst of political preoccupations. He contributed a picture of his country seat, Chartwell Manor, to the exhibition of paintings of country seats and manor houses, which was held at the Leicester Galleries last month.

Another notable painting in the exhibition is of Craven Hall, Apple Tree Wick, in Yorkshire, by Raymond Coxon.

Mr. Coxon, himself a Yorkshireman, states that local tradition claims that Craven Hall was the original home of Dick Whittington.

It is a small and simple place for a country seat, but has a fine minstrel's gallery.

Your Daily Smile!

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Aunt Hannah had never seen the sea until her nephew invited her to spend a month at his seaside home. She accepted the invitation.

As soon as she arrived, her nephew took her to see the boundless ocean, with its white foam and crashing breakers and fresh, salt-laden winds.

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"Humph!" said Aunt Hannah. "I thought it was larger."

"All eggs are laid on our farm," says an advertisement. This is much better than having old shells refilled.

Aha!

A pessimist was holding forth on the shortcomings of the rising generation. "Where to-day," he demanded, "can you find the youngster who will just go on smiling when everything is going wrong?"

To which a more optimistic friend replied, "On the links this afternoon, carrying my clubs."

SAFETY FIRST IN
NEW YORK
IMMENSE CAMPAIGN
SUCCESSFULWONDERS WORKED BY SPECIAL
POLICY OF EDUCATION

(By A Special Correspondent)

[The following article showing what has been accomplished in New York in the way of reducing traffic accidents is particularly interesting, in view of the local Safety First campaign starting at the end of this month.]

New York, where in the city. Gigantic, glaring posters block your view. There are giant pictures of a policeman, holding a child's body in his arms, and pointing accusingly ahead. Above them, the words: "Stop This Killing!!!" Others of a motorist, also holding the body of a child. "What Have I Done?" is the text.

More than 250,000 posters were printed and erected. Great illuminated sky-signs glowed over Times Square and other centres of population. An airship, with a message spelt in letters of light beneath it, flew by night. Empty stores on Fifth Avenue and other main streets were filled with accident pictures, propaganda posters, booklets on road safety.

At every important crossing were hung notices, screaming: "5,860 People Killed and Injured Every Year Crossing Against the Lights!" Similar notices shout the figures of jay-walking casualties between lights.

Radio Recruited

Radio was recruited. Volunteer police gave over 250 talks on safety measures. Ten thousand public addresses, covering an audience of 35,000,000, were delivered by other officers.

Hundreds of clergymen added safety exhortations to their sermons. Industry and trade joined in. Insurance companies printed millions of booklets and distributed them from door to door. Advertising firms gave big sites. Cinema companies made safety films which were shown as news reels to 10,000,000 people.

Posters and booklets were translated into Italian, Chinese, German, Russian, Rumanian and a dozen other languages, and poured into the polyglot colonies.

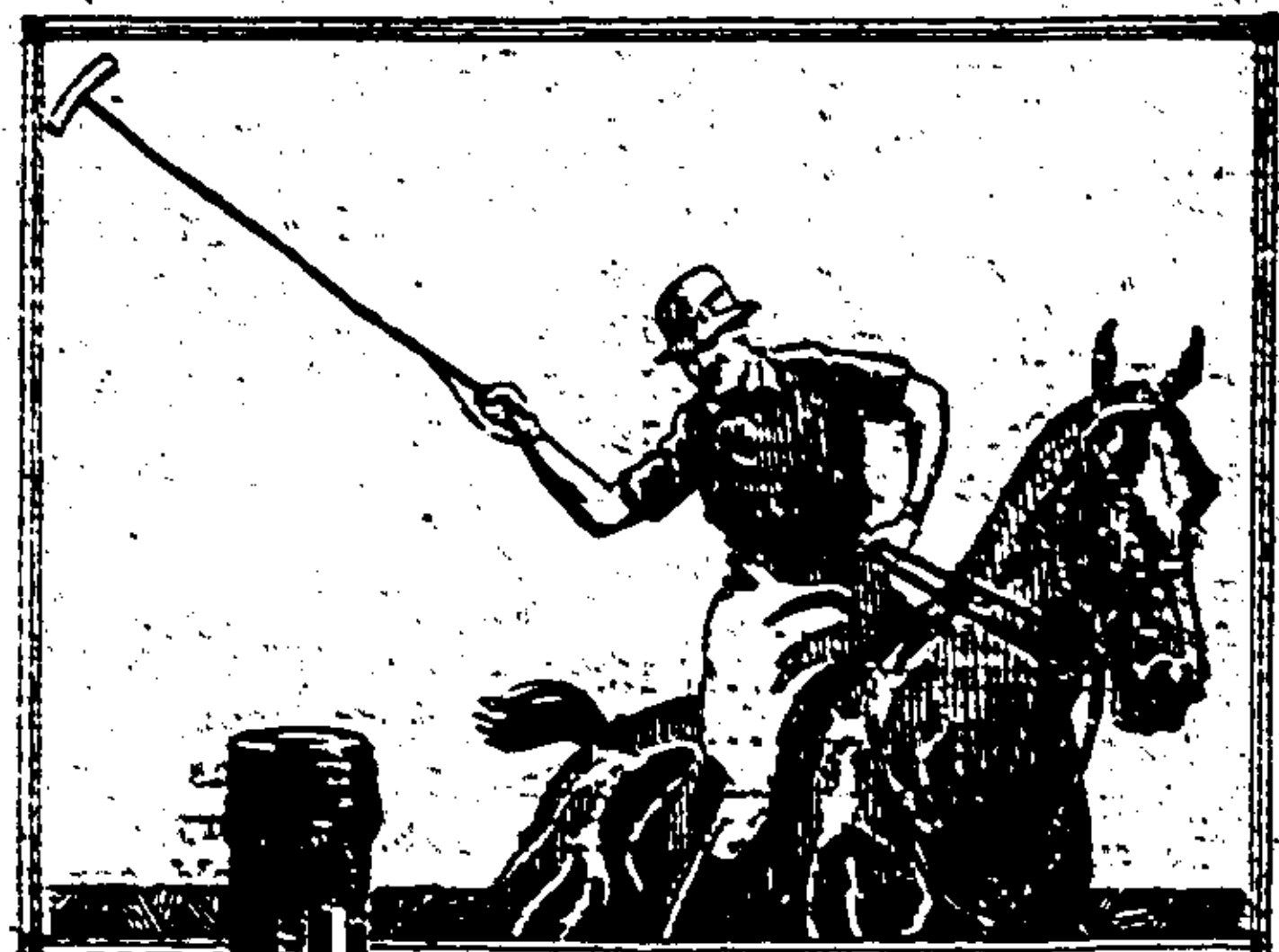
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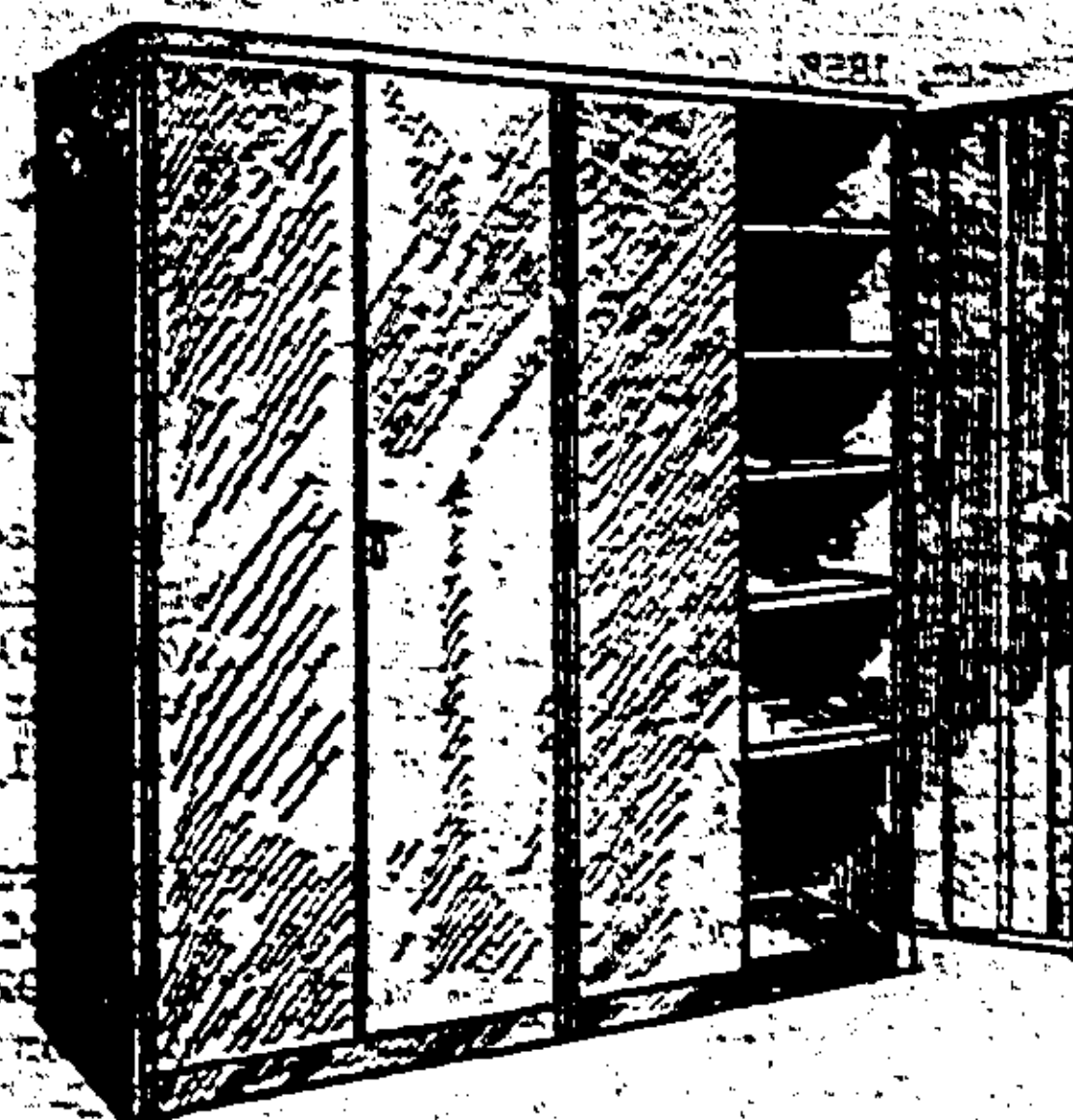
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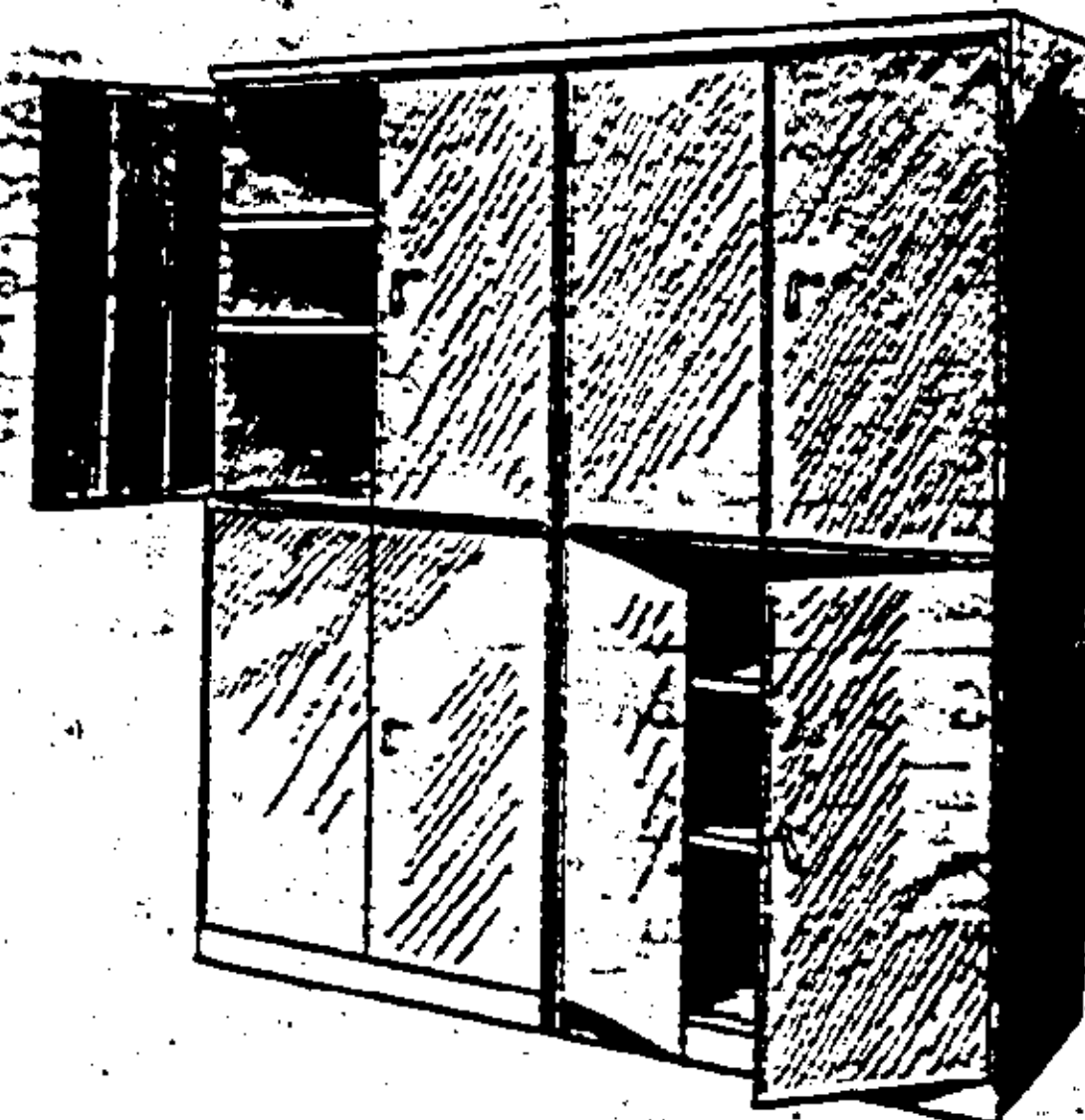
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To-day's Short Story

THE BLACK CAT

By Gilbert Anstruther

DAPHNE EDNA PLATTER had a deep and abiding respect for superstition. Her copy of "Signs, Omens, and Portents" guided her safely past many of life's pitfalls. It soothed her in sorrow. Only once had it let her down. And she wasn't so sure that even that was a let down. In a sense it was. But not entirely, she thought.

Daphne Edna lived with her people in Singapore. She had been to Perth for a holiday and had just booked her passage home again. As she stepped out of the shipping office into the sunlight again, a black cat purred and rubbed against her leg. Now, everyone knows that black cats are lucky. So Daphne Edna regarded this one with warm affection. She stooped to stroke it.

"Poor pussy," she said, and stiffened suddenly erect again.

Wasn't it bad luck to stroke a black cat? The book said positively. "Never—never stroke a black cat!" And it was Friday, too!

She had forgotten that when she had booked her passage. She stood dumbfounded. A gentleman paused, raised his hat, and asked her if she were ill. She shook her head. What should she do? What could she do? She half turned. She'd cancel her booking; go on the next boat. She... no, she wouldn't. He had booked his passage on the Mindara. This time she'd take the bit in her teeth. She laughed defiantly in the teeth of Fate, had turned and swung resolutely down the street.

The Mindara glided on into eternity. A fragrant eternity. Days and nights sped by on downy wings of dreamy tranquillity. All day the green, lazy waves rocked the ship as a gentle hand swaying a hammock, and at night she lay back in her chair and watched the stars rocking to and fro overhead. Daphne Edna sighed. If only Bill wasn't on board. Bill Horsey

was a nuisance. He was always around when he wasn't wanted. Just because they had grown up together, everyone, including Bill, thought it a foregone conclusion that they would eventually marry and settle down.

But Daphne Edna had different ideas. Bill was too colourless, solid, too—too stick-in-the-mud. And now he had taken to writing poetry. He had tried to read some of it to her. Everyone on board, he explained, either crooned like Bing Crosby or read poetry. Bill was in love with Daphne Edna. He had been her slave ever since that famous day when he had been found lending her his feeding bottle.

TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "Rally Round!" by A. P. Garland.

"And my poor heart (he had insisted upon reading to her) is but a wandering ache in some vast realm of unrequited love."

There was much more along those lines. But Daphne Edna had cut him short, so he got to his feet in a huff and left her.

"You're infatuated with that sleek, black-haired gigolo," he grumbled. "I don't know what's come over you."

"At least, I don't write poetry about wandering aches," retorted Daphne Edna.

And there, for the time being, it had ended.

And Alo! Was she infatuated? She shook her head. No. It was love. It had come to her suddenly in the shipping office. She had always known it would come like that. He was dark, handsome. His eyes and mouth were the most expressive she had ever seen. And he had just the faintest, delicious trace of foreign accent. Alo! von Sialiv. He was so different to Bill—so utterly different.

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PETROL CAUSES DEATH

Woman Dies After Explosion

London. Mrs. F. Gibson, aged 28, died last month in hospital from burns she received in her home at Mayfair-avenue, Ilford, twelve days before.

The accident occurred when some petrol which was being used to clean clothing became ignited.

Her husband and her six-year-old son, who were also burned, recovered.

THE OUTLAWRY OF WAR

Human Nature Makes It Impossible

CATHEDRAL HALL DEBATE

Last night the Right Reverend the Bishop of Hong Kong presided at a debate jointly organised by the League of Nations Union and the Y.M.C.A. The Hall was well filled, and there was no lack of speakers.

Dr. Matthews, who was supported by Mr. Paul, introduced the motion—"that in the present state of human nature it is impossible to outlaw war."

He pointed out the enormous increase in the sums spent on armaments since the Great War, even in the United States, where there is no possibility of invasion. The fact that war was actually in progress between two member States of the League, and that there was a possibility of another European war, combined with the fact that the League had failed to stop war in Manchuria and elsewhere, showed clearly that the speaker had been presented with "a sinner."

Opposition Standpoint

Mr. A. N. Macfadyen, in opposition, pointed out that the words of the motion had acquired a technical meaning through the attempt to bring international relations within a scheme of law. "War means the use of the entire force of a nation to crush the entire force of another nation, and involves invasion of defined foreign territory. Outlawry means that third parties should refuse to assist those who break the peace. Human nature includes self-preservation as a primary instinct, and a new war may end civilisation."

Mr. George She made an eloquent plea for an enlargement of the sphere of law, which had grown step by step from the family through the tribe and the nation.

Ten other speakers took part, and the motion was eventually carried by 45 to 35, after the Bishop had summed up the discussion in the sense that it was a question whether or not sanctions could be made a successful method of preventing war.

SHAKESPEARE AS A "SINNER"

Police Officials As Pictured "Saints"

Moscow. Shakespeare and a number of Russian poets are the "unrepentant sinners" in an old Russian painting just discovered in a church at Kursk 300 miles south of Moscow. In the painting, which is of a trial on the Day of Judgment, the "saints" are represented by local police officials.

The picture will be brought to Moscow and exhibited in the Anti-Religious Museum here—Benter.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

The second of the monthly games' afternoons organised by the Kowloon Women's Charity Fund will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Nathan Road, Kowloon, to-day at 3 p.m. Admission 50 cents. Good prizes. All ladies will be welcome.

The m.v. Silverwain, from New York, sailed from Los Angeles on October 12 and is expected here on or about next Tuesday.

A Bazaar, in aid of the building fund of Holy Trinity Church, Kowloon City, and Tai Pang Gospel Hall, off Bias Bay, will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, on Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friends and all who are interested are cordially invited to attend.

A reunion dinner of all officers and ex-officers who served with or were attached to the R.F.C. the R.N.A.S. or the R.A.F. during the Great War, will be held in the Gloucester Hotel on Saturday at 7.45 p.m. Further particulars may be had from the secretary, Mr. C. E. Moore, care of the P.W.D.

The girls of St. Paul's Girls' College are giving a concert in aid of the M.C.I. and other charities to-morrow at 7.30 p.m.

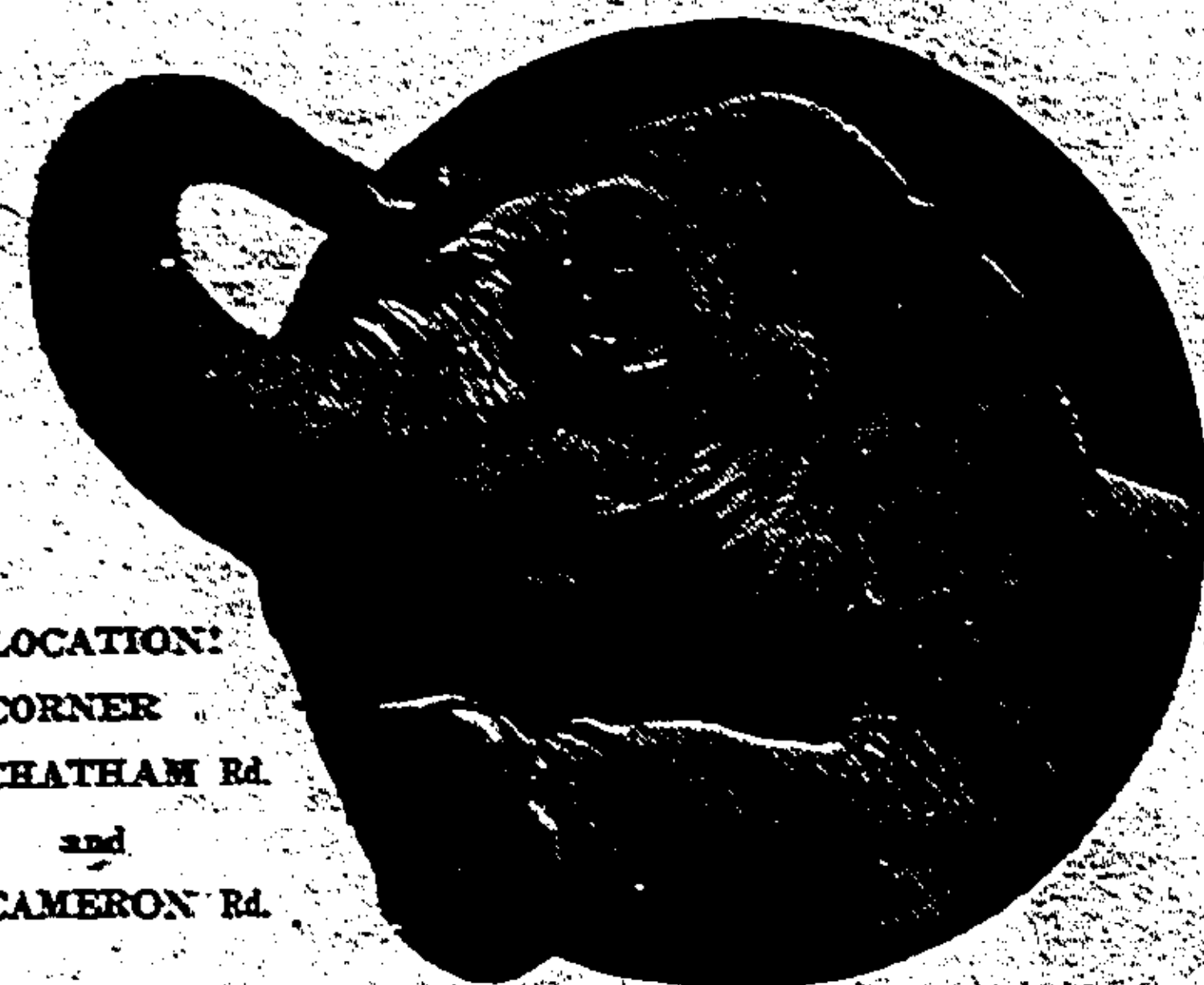
The Management of the Hong Kong Hotel advise that permission for an extended night on Saturday having been obtained, dancing in the Grill Room will be continued until 2 a.m.

There will be a study and discussion class for members and friends of the Manuk Lodge of the Theosophical Society, Hong Kong Club Annex, Chater Road, to-night at 6 o'clock.

A 36-year-old Filipino woman, who gave the name Mary Anne, of No. 30, Nathan Road, a passenger on the Star Ferry Golden Star, jumped into the sea in an attempt to commit suicide at 8.15 last night, but was rescued by a seaman and a fireman. The woman was admitted to Kowloon Hospital suffering from the effect of immersion, but was not in a serious condition.

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THE BLACK CAT

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She saw him coming towards her. Beneath his arm he carried one of those stiff aggressive, sawdust-filled black cats that are so prevalent in toy shops about Christmas time. Aloi always had Twiffy with him. He took it everywhere with him just as a woman would a pet, a husband, or her knitting. It was his mascot, he had said, the only one to whom he could tell his secrets.

"May I see it?" he asked, smiling dazily at her.

"Of course!" Daphne Edna's heart skipped a few beats. "Do!" And so the days passed, with Singapore and the parting of the ways drawing silently and inexorably closer. But still Aloi had not proposed to her. She became a little troubled. Surely he would say something before they got there! Surely! Perhaps he lacked the courage. But no. That did not seem to fit Aloi.

Bill walked past her and along the deck whistling "The Volga Boatmen" louder than was necessary. He turned back suddenly.

"An even \$50 he doesn't propose," he said. Daphne Edna tossed her head and walked away. She was annoyed because Bill had so unerringly registered a bull's eye.

One morning she awoke to two startling discoveries: (a) The boat was threading its way through that lane of small, brilliant-green islands that herald the approach to Singapore, and (b) Aloi, although he was obviously in love with her, had not—said anything. She leaned moodily against the rail watching Singapore draw gradually closer. What could she do? If nothing happened Bill would jeer at her for the rest of her life. Something had to happen! Perhaps the atmosphere here on board wasn't right. Was that the trouble? She started suddenly. She'd invite Aloi out to her bungalow. Ideal! He would be in Singapore until his boat sailed for Hong Kong the next afternoon. She would invite him out to her people's place at Tanglin. And then perhaps....

All the next day Daphne Edna fussed about the bungalow moving things, restoring them to where they were originally, peering into corners. Her people were away at a hill station on a short vacation. There would be no one to disturb them. Squatting on the window-sill, Tarboy, her pet monkey, eyed her curiously and scampered out as the door bell rang. A few seconds later her number one boy ushered Aloi into the room.

Just what happened that afternoon Daphne Edna could never quite remember. She was nervous and happy and excited. Everything seemed vague and rosy, unreal. She remembered vaguely that they had had tea. Yuseo had looked after that. She remembered, too, that Aloi had said in rather a strained voice that he must soon leave. In fact, it was at that point that she came back to earth.

"I seemly must be going," she heard him say. "But I shall come back, yes. Soon, I will come back. But before I do, there is much I must say. I... in my language I must be so difficult, but in English...." Daphne Edna listened spell-bound. A thrill, half fear, half joy ran through her. It was coming! He would come back to her! And Bill.... It is regretted that she thought chiefly in terms of victory and Bill's discomfiture, if the truth were known.

"Daphne," he continued, "I love you. I—Twiffy" he cut in sharply. "Where is Twiffy? He was here—here." "Eh?" said Daphne Edna dazedly.

"My cat," replied Aloi testily. "Twiffy. He was here, beside me. Now he is gone." He looked round wildly. "There," he cried. "Your monkey—he has set." Tarboy sat on the window-sill plucking aimlessly at one of Twiffy's ears. Black cats meant nothing to him. Aloi made a frenzied dive across the room. The monkey jumped off the sill, sprinted across the lawn, and skinned swiftly up the flagpole before the bungalow, dragging Twiffy after him by the tail. "Can you do nothing?" demanded Aloi angrily, gazing up the

pole to where Tarboy sat contentedly plucking fur out of the cat.

"Oh, I'll get it for you and bring it down to the boat," said Daphne Edna wearily. "But—but you were saying...."

"Nothing! Eet eea nothing! You do something about my cat now, yes!"

Daphne Edna blinked. Young men—that is, nice young men—didn't usually let things like this swerve them from their proposals. Anyhow, she understood they didn't.

"He won't come down while you're here," she heard herself saying. "You scared him up there and up there he'll stay. You'll have to go down to the boat and I'll get it for you. He'll come down when you've gone."

Aloi departed in a nasty temper. He must have Twiffy. Before the boat sailed. He must! Did she understand that? Even if she had to shoot her confounded monkey to get it. Daphne Edna was shocked. Shoot Tarboy! And this was the man who had asked her to be his wife—well, almost, anyhow. He would get his cat, she decided, but only if Tarboy chose to give it up. It was a lot of nonsense going on like that about a stuffed black cat....

Thirty-five minutes later Daphne Edna's car screeched to a standstill at the wharf gates. She jumped out and ran towards the wharves. And beneath her arm, tail and back not quite so aggressive, was Twiffy. She had had a little trouble in getting Twiffy, and Twiffy was showing, in one or two places, the scars of battle.

Head down, Daphne Edna charged round a corner and came up suddenly against someone about 10 stone larger than herself. Pantingly, she looked up into the face of Ronnie Stetherton. Ronnie as something or other in the Civil Service. Daphne Edna never knew quite what. It was doubtful if even Ronnie knew exactly.

"Is—is the Stormbird gone?" "I should know," said Ronnie. "It couldn't go before I gave the word." He glanced down at Twiffy, and, reaching out, took it from the girl. "That's queer," he said. "Look at the size of the thing's head."

He gave the head a twist, and it came away in his hand. He peered at it and whistled softly. Inside was a small, ingeniously concealed camera. One of Twiffy's eyes was a lens, and the other a viewfinder. Ronnie whistled softly to himself.

"What's the culprit's name?" he asked.

"It belongs to a man," said Daphne Edna. "A Mr. Aloi von Skaliy."

"Sleek hair, dark eyes, handsome, and the faintest trace of a foreign accent?" "Yes," gasped Daphne Edna. "Slick Higgins," announced Ronnie, nodding wisely. He reached out and patted the girl's arm. "Good work, Daffy," he said. "Splendid work. We've been after him for months. We knew he was touring about taking photographs of gun emplacements and fortifications and selling them to whatever nation would pay the highest price. We were told that he was on his way to Hong Kong. But we missed him. Never mind." He concluded brightly, "we'll get him at the next port. Now tell me...."

Some weeks later Daphne Edna received two letters. One was from a Sir Roger something-or-other, whose signature she could not decipher, lauding her for her vigilance, for the high standard of intelligence she had displayed. No one—not even a seasoned member of the Intelligence Service—could have handled the work with such ability, such thoroughness, such utter lack of ostentation. The writer would be pleased to have honourable mention of Miss Platterby's service made to his Majesty....

The other letter was short, crisp, pithy, and well to the point. It was written on the notepaper of a popular English prison in large, sprawling handwriting. It just said: "You miserable, treacherous little hussy!" And that had left Daphne Edna with rather mixed feelings towards black cats. Sometimes she thinks they are not so lucky. At other times she thinks....

But these days she hasn't very much time to think about them at all. You see, she has Bill to look after—and the two children. [The End]

GAP IN RING OF SANCTIONS NARROWED

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MORE PARLEYS PENDING
London: Reports have reached London of an interview which took place on Tuesday between Signor Mussolini and the British Ambassador in Rome, Sir Eric Drummond. The discussion is understood to have related to the desire which is strongly entertained on both sides to effect an improvement in the sentiment arising from the situation in the Mediterranean.

It is emphasised in London that the conversations are at quite a preliminary state, and in view of the reciprocal wish for satisfactory progress, it is likely that further talks between the Ambassador and the head of the Italian Government will take place as the opportunity occurs. — British Wireless Service.

Vigilance Committee Appointed

London: Lord Stanhope, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, represented Great Britain on the Committee of Eighteen at Geneva yesterday, when it received and approved reports from several sub-committees. The Committee also established a Vigilance Committee, composed of representatives of Great Britain, France, Russia, Spain, Poland, Rumania, Greece, Yugoslavia and Sweden, to observe the application of sanctions by the League Powers and receive reports.

One decision reached yesterday exempts newspapers, books, periodicals, maps and printed matter from the general prohibition of Italian goods which the League States are to enforce after November 18.—British Wireless Service.

The Conversation At Rome

FAVOURABLE IMPRESSION CREATED

Rome: Tuesday's conversation between Signor Mussolini and Sir Eric Drummond, which lasted more than an hour, left a favourable impression in political as well as official circles here. It is stressed that while no definite decisions have as yet been reached the conversation was noteworthy insofar as it signified the continuation of the discussions concerning the most delicate theme of the presence of the British home fleet in the Mediterranean.

If a decision could be reached on this question it would, in the opinion of well-informed quarters here, undoubtedly be calculated to influence favourably the further progress of the eventual negotiations regarding the Italo-Abyssinian conflict. It is pointed out that withdrawal of an Italian military division from Libya has been contrary to the Italian expectations, not yet prompted the British Government to withdraw any naval forces from the Mediterranean.

The London report that the Duce promised without further delay to withdraw a further contingent of men from Libya is not officially confirmed here. It is, however, re-emphasised that the question of the settlement of the Italo-Abyssinian conflict was not touched upon the course of the conversation.

ANOTHER CHIEF SECEDES

Asmara: The chieftain of the Agame region south of Adigrat appeared at the Italian headquarters on Tuesday and made his submission to General de Bono, according to an official announcement here. The chieftain is stated to have declared that he was placing himself in Italy's protection because he regarded the occupation of the province of Tigra as liberation.

He added, according to the official statement, that he had instructed all his headmen Hlwisie to make their submission and had warned them that anyone failing to do so within a fixed period would be regarded as rebel. Grave disorders are stated to have broken out in Makelle, according to a report reaching here, among the native population in the course of which several persons were killed.—Trans-Ocean Service.

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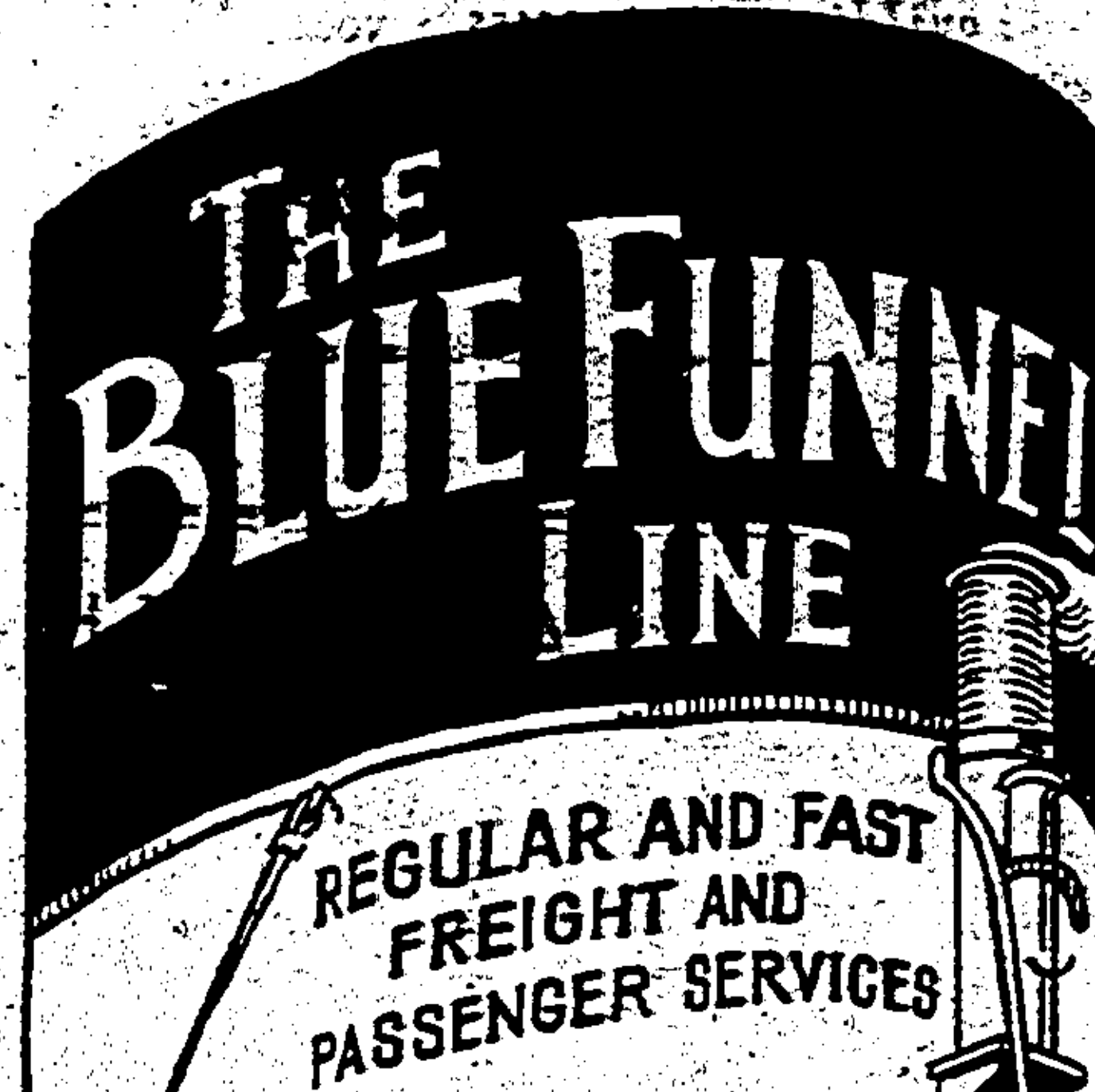
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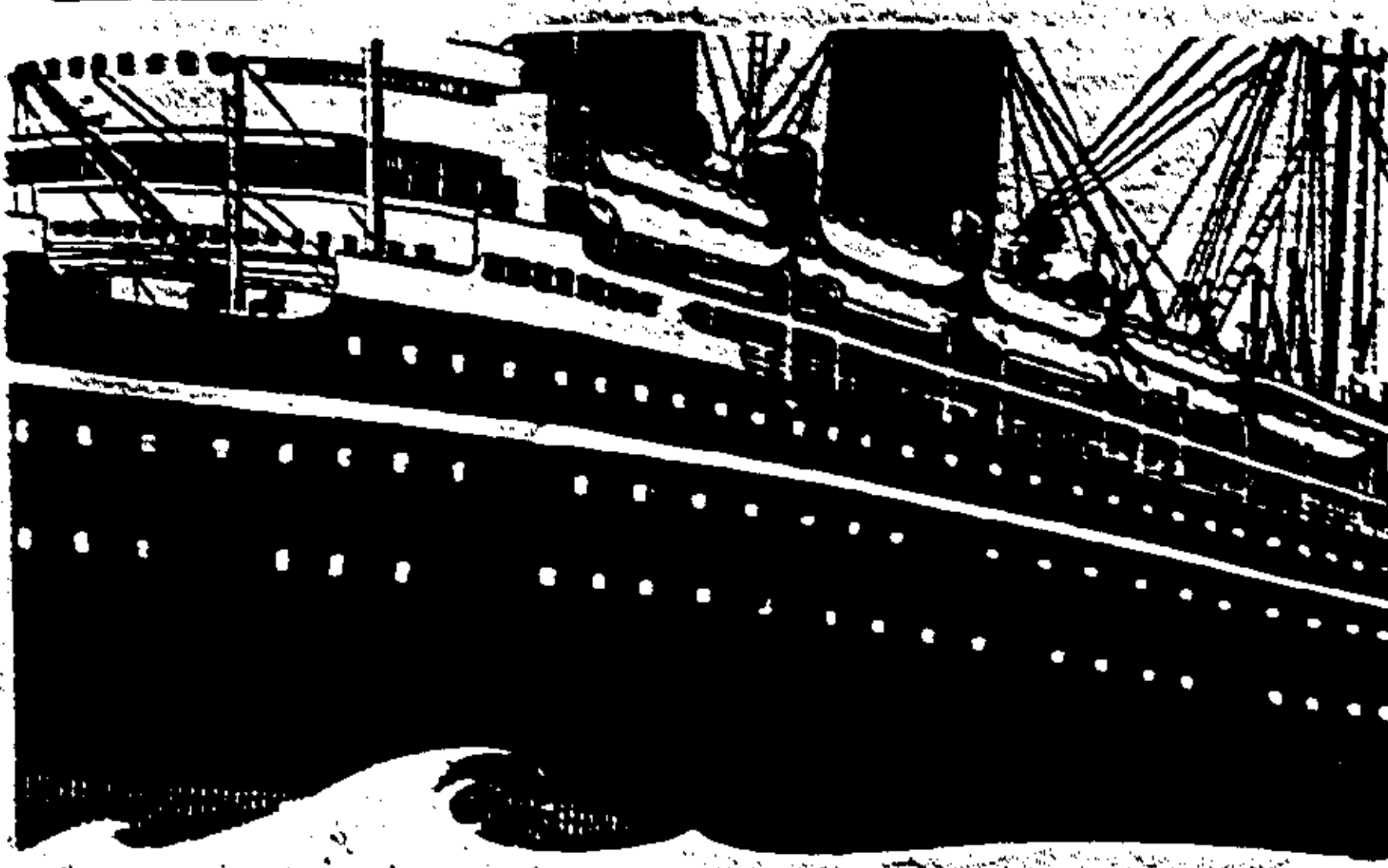
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(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.
While all high officials here may not be able to proceed to Nanking to attend the Fifth National Congress next Tuesday, Mr. Lin Yun-kai, Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, Mr. Lin Yih-chung, Provincial Commissioner of Civil Affairs, and General Huang Hsu-chu, Chairman of the Kwangsi Provincial Government, will be able to go to the capital.

These three officials will represent all the ranking military and civilian leaders in Kwangtung and Kwangsi. It is believed that Canton-Nanking co-operation is now possible in consequence of the good work of General Chiang Kai-shek, Chairman of the Military Affairs Commission, who needs national support in dealing with Japan.

General Yen Hsi-shan, Director of the Taiyuan Pacification Headquarters, and General Feng Yu-hsiang, hero of the anti-Japanese campaigns in Chahar, who are now loyal to Nanking, have also urged the southern leaders to go to the capital for a joint conference on urgent national affairs.

In the circumstances, national unification is well assured. It remains to fix detailed arrangements between Canton and Nanking.

SAFETY FIRST IN NEW YORK

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Figures Speak

I have seen the result. During a recent visit to New York I sat in the office of Lieutenant Eckert at police headquarters and listened to the story. Each wall of his office is hidden behind maps and graphs, showing accident curves, analyses of accident causes, censuses of speeding. From these statistics experts have been able to isolate germs of danger.

"Figures speak," said Lieutenant Eckert. "Here are some. For the first five months of 1934, 13,827 accidents causing death or injury occurred in New York City. For the first five months of 1935 there were only 11,361. Individual injuries have dropped from 16,523 to 13,247."

New York City is divided into 113 police areas called precincts. Competitions to be won by the precinct which did most for road safety were organized. The prizes are inscribed plaques, held by the winning precinct for six months and, if won three times in succession, in perpetuity. The difference in police keenness has been amazing. Each of those plaques has saved lives.

Play Streets

Lieutenant Eckert told me something of the devices by which these results have been achieved. Playground streets in poor districts are closed to traffic from morning to dusk and reserved for children's games. This is necessary in a city which, apart from fashionable Central Park, has about as much grass as would make a cricket pitch.

Police carry out monthly inspection of buses and public vehicles to test brakes. A police certificate must be prominently displayed to prove that the test has been made. Rapid and slow traffic are separated. The campaign has cost little. It has proved a superb investment. London has an equally pressing problem.

Emperor Leaving For Front

WAR CORRESPONDENTS GO ALSO AT OWN RISK

Addis Ababa: No official reports were issued here on Monday on the situation in the various fronts. Owing to the scarcity of news from the war theatres obtainable in the capital a number of foreign newspaper correspondents have left Addis Ababa for Djibouti, Aden and other places. The remaining correspondents will leave with the Emperor for the headquarters at Dessie during the next few days. The correspondents will make the journey under the protection of the imperial guards, but the Abyssinian Government has announced that it does not assume any responsibility towards the foreign correspondents, who will be required to submit all letters and telegrams to censorship.

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS

The exact date of the Emperor's departure is not yet known and will be kept secret until the last minute. The greater part of the Emperor's luggage, however, has already been forwarded to Dessie, while the personal effects of the Crown Prince, who will deputize for the Emperor during the former's absence from the capital, have arrived at Addis Ababa from Dessie.

There appears to be some doubt about whether the Abuna, the head of the Coptic Church, will accompany the Emperor to Dessie. If he should do so it will be an indication that the situation on the front is considered perfectly satisfactory by official quarters here.

RAIN IMPEDES ITALIANS

Asmara: The rainfall in Tigre province is continuing with undiminished vehemence and is preventing all larger troop movements. The Italian army will therefore hardly be able to resume its advance before to-day.

The troops are utilizing the lull in the fighting for the repair of the new roads, which have been made almost impassable by severe cloudbursts. In view of the submission of the Sultan of Aussa province, official quarters here would not be surprised if Ras Imru, Ras Kassa and possibly also Ras Seyoum were likewise to offer submission, which would open up the road into the interior of the country to the Italians.

PETROL RISES IN ROME

Rome: The price of petrol has been raised to 3½ lire per litre as the result of increased Customs duties on mineral oils and their by-products. The price of petrol has thus been practically doubled within a short time.

MAKALLE DESERTED

Asmara: The Italian native partisans entered Makalle yesterday evening and found the city evacuated by the Abyssinian troops.—Trans-Ocean Service.

VIOLET CAPELL ACADEMY

Dancing Display At King's Theatre

The 12th annual dancing display of the pupils of the Violet Capell Dancing Academy was held at the King's Theatre yesterday afternoon under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Officer Administrator of the Government, Sir Thomas Southern, and Lady Southorn.

A well-arranged programme of 18 items was presented, each number being greeted with deserved applause.

Those who took part in the display were:—

Babies.—D. Ramsay, D. Revie, P. Ellis, B. Ellis, J. Spradbury, E. Wong, J. Rolfe, W. Joseph, M. Anderson, N. Roxburgh, A. Wilson, P. Hooper, G. Holmes.

Advanced Babies.—C. Van Wylick, Y. Blackmore, J. Thompson, L. Knutsen, J. Millard, M. Abwee, M. Abwee, S. Cooper, K. Taylor, M. Hume, A. Mackenzie, N. Blakey, M. Brown, B. Addison, V. Jenkinson, E. Burridge, J. Begdon.

Juniors.—C. Conzelmann, A. Hall, P. Strange, F. McKelvie, D. Craig, M. Laing, A. Davison, M. Morrison, D. Bennett, J. Crookshank, B. Franks, J. Sturgeon, J. Hart, J. Hale, D. Warren, T. Westment, D. Wheatley, B. Rolfe, M. Inokuchi, N. Patterson, M. Arch-

GARDEN-PARTY AT "THE FALLS"

Sir Robert Ho Tung Entertains

U. S. CONGRESSIONAL PARTY'S MEMORABLE WELCOME

The garden-party given yesterday by Sir Robert Ho Tung at his delightful residence, No. 254 The Peak, was a memorable occasion in the annals of Hong Kong, attended as it was by the Vice-President of the United States, Mr. John Nace Garner, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mr. Joseph W. Byrnes, 18 Senators and 24 members of the House of Representatives, many of them accompanied by their wives and other members of their families.

In addition to these were a number of Philippine and Hawaiian delegates and a party of representative American journalists; while a long list of local guests, British, American, Portuguese and Chinese, went to swell the assemblage that crowded the rooms and terraces of Sir Robert's residence.

Though the sky was grey and threatening the rain held off, and there was nothing to mar the success of the function. Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung received the guests, Sir Robert in turn introducing them to Mr. and Mrs. Garner and Mr. and Mrs. Byrnes. Tea and other refreshments were served on the garden-terraces surrounding the house.

Cameras Busy

During the afternoon a number of sound pictures were taken, including some of Sir Robert talking with the Vice President and Mrs. Garner and one of Senator King of Utah discussing silver and other matters with local Chinese gentlemen. The Senator is a good subject for the camera, being endowed with a wealth of gesture and facial expression and a clear and resonant voice.

Appreciations

At 5 o'clock the Congressional guests, who were loud in their praise of the beauties of Hong Kong and the good time they had had while here, were reluctantly compelled to take their departure, the President Grant being timed to sail at 6 p.m.

Local Guests

The American, German, French, Italian and Portuguese Consuls were present, while among the official representatives of the Colony were noticed.

Maj. Gen. F. S. Thackeray, D.S.O., M.C., Col. Harrison, Commodore C. S. Sedgwick, His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Athol MacGregor, Hon. Mr. D. W. Trautman, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Hon. Mr. G. Alabaster, K.C., Hon. Mr. E. Taylor, Hon. Commander Hole, Hon. Dr. E. H. Kotewall, Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Hon. Sir William Shenton, Hon. Mr. J. P. Bragg, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, Hon. Mr. T. N. Chan, Hon. Dr. S. W. T'sao, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. G. R. Sayer, Hon. Mr. W. H. Bell, Mr. E. A. D. Forrest, Mr. W. J. Carrie, Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, M.C., and many others.

but.

Seniors.—V. Bradbury, B. Penny, D. Moss, S. Ho, H. Ho, M. Munro, M. Dawson, P. Stringer, P. Woods, J. Bradbury, E. McKelvie, M. Shand, A. Goodman, E. Wilson, K. Trounson, E. Millard, M. Glendinning, E. Bonenfant, J. Latham.

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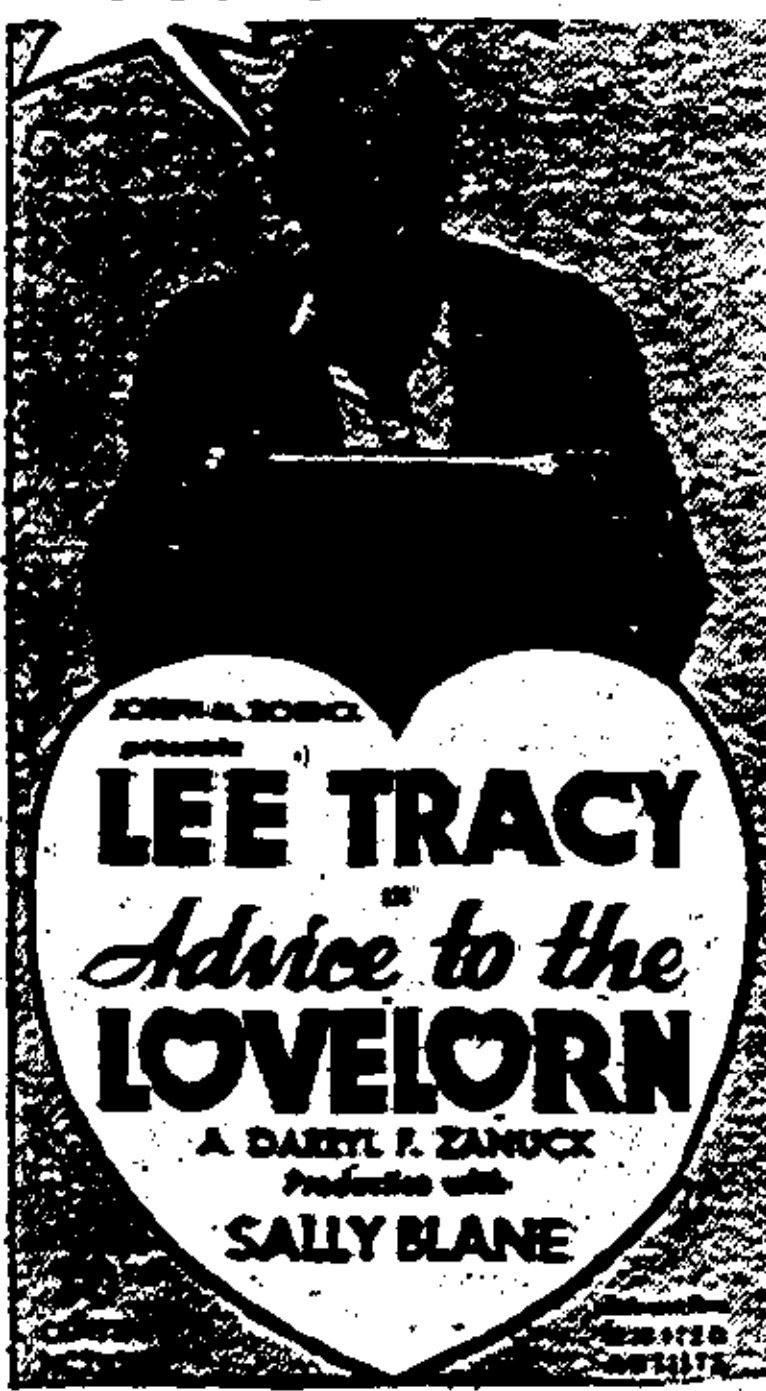
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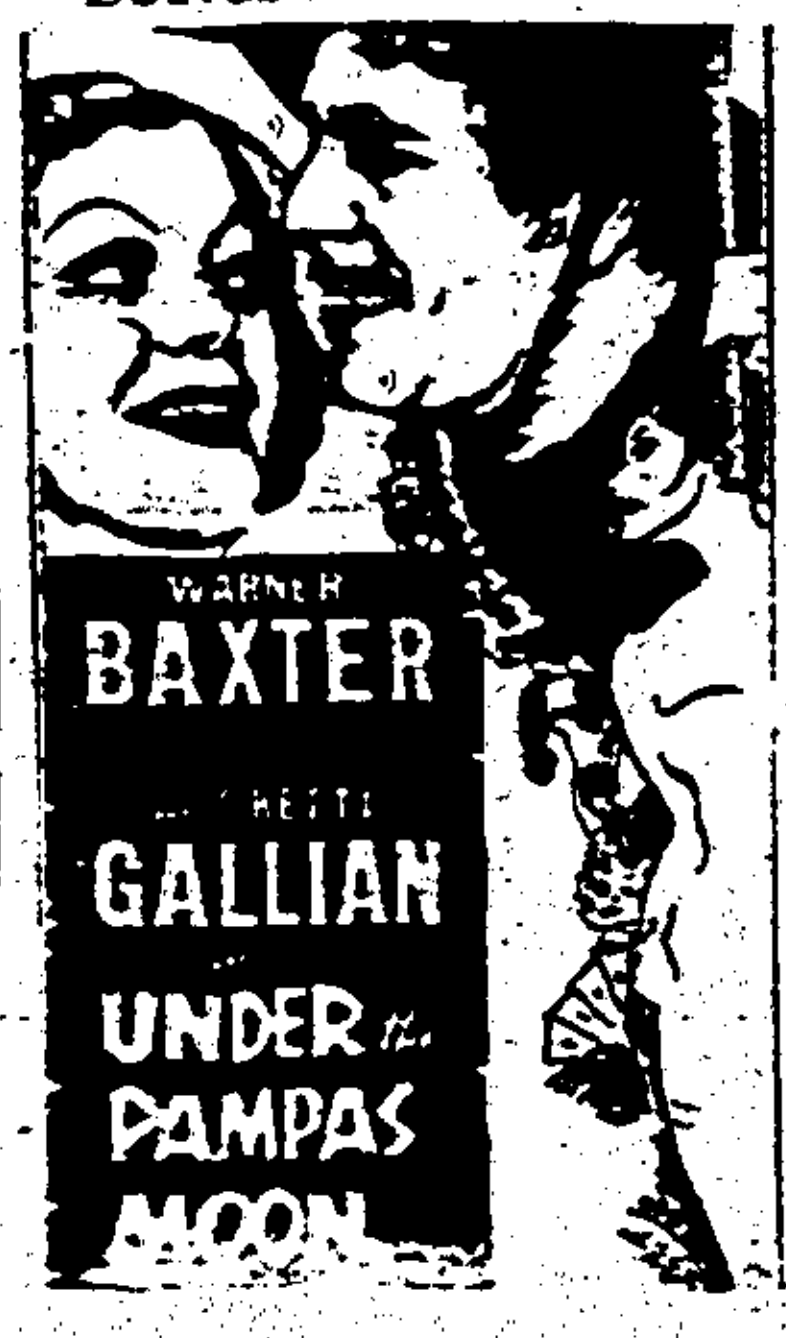


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Bodiker And Company Being Sued

Alleged Wrongful
Conversion

QUESTION OF EXCHANGE

The hearing was continued before His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, in the Supreme Court this morning of the case in which Messrs. Bodiker & Co. are being sued for \$65,800, for alleged wrongful conversion, by the Ying Wah Co.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, of Messrs. Hastings & Co., appeared for the plaintiff firm, and the defendants are represented by Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr., on the instructions of Mr. J. T. Prior of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist.

According to the statement of claim, the defendants lent \$97,440 to the plaintiffs on January 10 this year, under a written contract, on security of 2,000 bags of wolfram ore. The condition of the contract was that the wolfram ore should be returned to the plaintiffs on settlement of the loan within three months. Shortly after the money was advanced the plaintiffs repaid the sum of \$56,000 to the defendants, and received in return 1,000 bags of ore, thus leaving the other 1,000 for security for the remainder of the loan. On March 20 the plaintiffs notified the defendants that they were prepared to repay the remainder of the money advanced, and applied for the return of the other 1,000 bags of wolfram ore. The defendants, however, failed to deliver the goods.

C.A. ASKED FOR STATEMENT
At this morning's hearing Mr. E. M. Bryden, chartered accountant, of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, said he had been consulted on the previous afternoon and asked to set forth the transaction between the parties in the form of a statement.

Mr. Potter put it to the witness that 100 tons of wolfram ore were pledged to Messrs. Bodiker, who were not the purchasers. They had forwarded 50 tons, on plaintiff's account and risk, to Hamburg. In a transaction between Messrs. Bodiker and the Hong Kong Bank, \$68,500 was realised against a sterling bill drawn against the goods. He understood that on those facts — as to which there was no dispute — the witness had made out an account of the transaction between the parties. Mr. Bryden assented.

In cross-examination Mr. D'Almada referred to Messrs. Bodiker's letter to the Bank, dated February 12, in which they set forth the various exchange contracts to be used in connection with the wolfram ore transaction. Mr. D'Almada — "They are contracts which an export firm has to enter into from time to time to meet commitments." — Yes, it is prudent business.

"These eight contracts were loaned for the purpose of this transaction." — Used: whether loaned or not I cannot say. "Messrs. Bodiker would after this have to book other exchange contracts to replace those which had been used." — If booked for business other than this, then used for this business, then, if they were to carry out their original contracts, they would require to book again.

Witness agreed that between February 12 and May 3 the dollar had risen, and agreed also that it followed that if Messrs. Bodiker sold sterling during that period they would get less in dollars.

Mr. D'Almada: "Will you accept it from me that, in fact, because eight of these contracts had been lent to this transaction, Messrs. Bodiker, after that date, had to go into the market and sell sterling for the purpose of their other obligations, and this so reduced the surplus that it

**MACAO CUSTOMS HOLIDAY
NEXT TUESDAY**

Macao, To-day.—The local Customs authorities have issued a notice to the effect that on Tuesday next, being the anniversary of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen's birthday, the Customs House will be closed on that day only.—Neutral News.



The native troops of Eritrea who led the successful Italian drive on Adowa were commanded by General Pirzio Biondi, veteran of the World War and many colonial campaigns.

SIXTH PLENARY SESSION

Solemn Closing
Ceremony

Nanking, To-day.—After a five days' session, in which a number of important resolutions were discussed and adopted, the Sixth Plenary Session of the Central Executive Committee was closed at a solemn ceremony at 9 o'clock yesterday morning at the auditorium of the Central Kuomintang Headquarters, with 85 C.E.C. and C.S.C. members and more than 200 staff members of the Central Kuomintang Headquarters in attendance.

Mr. Yu Yu-jen presided over the ceremony and delivered a closing speech.—Central News Agency.

GENERAL FENG TO PAY VISIT TO SOUTH

Canton, To-day.—It is learned here from official sources that General Feng Yu-hsiang has cabled that he will come to the South within a few days time.—Neutral News.

came down to \$5,000?—Witness: "I would not accept that as applying to the surplus, because you could have sold your sterling on that day for practically the same amount. If you had booked exchange on February 12 for this 50 tons of ore, the thing is finished: you would not make any more losses. Exchange would only affect the \$441 loss (when that came to be settled in dollars at the rate of the day)."

At this stage Mr. D'Almada, after consulting his clients, mentioned to the Court that this evidence had taken him somewhat by surprise: it had not been opened by Mr. Potter and he would ask if he might reserve his further cross-examination for another occasion. It was arranged that the witness should make it convenient to attend again to-morrow.

Mr. Potter asked permission to anticipate his re-examination by putting one or two questions which he thought would help the other side to follow the plaintiff's submissions.

PLAINTIFF'S POSITION
Addressing the witness Mr. Potter said that supposing the dollar had fallen to a shilling, that would have been the plaintiff's misfortune. Here was a sterling bill of \$6,250 "Convert it at whatever rate you like, but you do convert it." Messrs. Bodiker's liability was to meet that bill at the other end with \$6,250. "To do that he had the wolfram ore: if the ore produced that sum there was no other word to be said. The witness agreed. "Whatever the dollar went to." — Exactly.

"Assuming that they got such an increased sum as to leave a balance in favour of the owner of the ore, that would be turned into dollars at the rate of the day: if there was a deficit that would be at the risk of the plaintiff." — Yes.

Mr. Potter: "That is our case, that once you fix exchange, it changes and disappears entirely out of this transaction."

The case is proceeding.

WALLED CITY INUNDATED

Critical Situation At
Peihhsien

POPULACE PANIC-STRICKEN

Hsuechow, To-day.

The situation of the district and city of Peihhsien, along the west bank of the Weishan Lake, has reached a most critical stage as flood waters, which previously enveloped the walled city, have now invaded it and the streets are covered with water about a foot deep.

The populace there, panic-stricken, beside doing their utmost to reinforce the city walls, are now draining the floods out of the city by means of pumps.

An atmosphere of pessimism pervades the local inhabitants, as the ravages of the north wind have brought the city walls to a crumbling state.

SITUATION IN KUANYUN
Meanwhile the situation in Kuanyun has again become serious. The continuous slight rain has caused a considerable rise in the Yen River, the flood waters of which still surround the walls of the district city.

According to the reports from Hsuechow, as a result of the energetic efforts of 70,000 labourers, an 80-ft flood prevention dyke, running from Lintou to Chushan, has recently been completed.—Central News Agency.

FOUR MORE GREAT WAR VICTIMS

Three Children Die
When Shell Bursts

Belgrade.

Three children, between the ages of 11 and 15, have been killed and one sent mad near Sveta Marra, Slovenia, by a shell — a relic of the Great War — which exploded as they were trying to "put the weight" with it.

The shell was found by the children in some woods. They managed to lift it and hurl it some little distance. The subsequent explosion blew three of them to pieces.

The detonation and the sight of the fate of his companions, has left the fourth child mad.—Reuter.

U.S. OFFICIALS ARE AWAITING DEVELOPMENTS

(Continued from Page 1)

Government thus far has not received any communication from American banking and other American interests in China seeking assistance in protecting any silver stocks they may own.

Financial observers feel certain that some financial support abroad, presumably at London, was arranged preliminary to the nationalisation announcement, but it is felt that any foreign loan, unless it is very large, can be adequate only for a short period, and the pressure against the currency may become too strong unless the equilibrium of international payments is effected soon.

The *Journal of Commerce* comments: "It would be a characteristic next step in the farcical silver comedy to have the United States buy a large amount of silver from China with a view to helping her to balance payments during the crucial transition period while turning to a managed paper currency tied to sterling." — Reuter.

RECORD ATTEMPT FLIGHT PROCEEDING

London, To-day.—Flying Officer Llewellyn and Mrs. Wyndham, who are attempting to lower the record for a flight from the Cape to England, arrived at Broken Hill early yesterday and left soon after for Abercrombie. — British Wireless Service.

WEATHER REPORT

A strong anti-cyclone extends from central China to south-west Manchuria. A depression remains to the north-east of Hokkaido. The local forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory, this morning, was: north-east winds, moderate; cloudy at first, fine later.

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